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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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PUBIC HEARING

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2015-16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THE MAY 13TH MEETING OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE BUDGET HEARING, WILL BEGIN. TURN IT OVER TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE?

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INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI: GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS IS, AS YOU'VE INDICATED, THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2015/'16 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND REVISIONS. AND BEFORE YOU TODAY I THINK ARE A LIST OF SPEAKERS. BASICALLY IT'S JUST FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU. AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF SPEAKERS FOR TODAY.

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SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: WE HAVE TWO DEPARTMENTS THAT WILL BE SPEAKING. FIRST IS OUR TAX ASSESSOR, MR. PRANG, YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE LIBRARY COMMISSIONER CHAIR, MR. ARCHULETA. MR. ARCHULETA? YEAH. YEAH, MR. ARCHULETA, YOU CAN COME UP AT THE SAME TIME. GOOD MORNING.

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JEFF PRANG: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING MR. MAYOR, MR. SUPERVISOR? I'M ON?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE ON.

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4 **JEFF PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MAYOR, SUPERVISOR.

5 GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH

6 YOU TODAY. I ALWAYS APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH

7 FELLOW LEADERS LIKE YOU WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE

8 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND OUR ROLE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. IN

9 REALITY, THE WORK PROCESSED BY OUR DEDICATED STAFF IS THE

10 BEGINNING OF ALL COUNTY PROGRAMS. I'M PROUD THAT THE

11 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IS FOUNDATIONAL TO EVERYTHING THAT THE

12 COUNTY DOES, FACILITATING YOUR BOARD'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE

13 CRITICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND

14 WELFARE AND ROADS AND HELPS MAKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY A GREAT

15 PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT. TODAY IS MY 164TH DAY AS YOUR

16 NEW ASSESSOR. THIS IS MY FIRST BUDGET. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE

17 SUPPORT THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED ME AS I TRANSITION INTO MY NEW

18 RESPONSIBILITIES. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU

19 THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT WILL BEST

20 SERVE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHILE THE ASSESSOR IS AN

21 INDEPENDENT ELECTIVE OFFICE, IT IS MY PRIORITY THAT THIS

22 OFFICE OPERATES AS A FULLY INTEGRATED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY

23 FAMILY AND THAT WE PLAY OUR PART IN THE OVERALL STRATEGY AS

24 VISIONED AND DIRECTED BY YOUR BOARD AND THE C.E.O. WITH THIS

25 IN MIND, I SUBMITTED A WORK PLAN AND A BUDGET THAT REFLECTED

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1 OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF ENHANCED CUSTOMER SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL
2 EFFICIENCY. I'M COMMITTED TO AN HONEST AND STRAIGHTFORWARD
3 BUDGET THAT HIGHLIGHTS OUR PRIORITIES. OUR PROPOSED BUDGET
4 PRESENTED A WORK PLAN THAT FOCUSED ON CRITICAL OPERATIONAL AND
5 AND CUSTOMER SERVICE NEEDS. CURRENTLY THE OFFICE OF THE
6 ASSESSOR HAS UNMET NEEDS FOR A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND I THANK
7 THE C.E.O. FOR ADDRESSING MANY OF OUR PROGRAMMATIC REQUESTS.
8 WITH YOUR AUTHORIZATION OF OUR BUDGET PROPOSALS, WE WILL BE
9 BETTER ABLE TO MODERNIZE OUR INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVE
10 CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE. I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME AREAS
11 THAT ARE OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO OUR OPERATIONS. THE LEGACY
12 SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT. SECONDLY REDUCING ASSESSMENT
13 APPEALS BACKLOG AND AUGMENTATION OF PERSONNEL. THESE PROGRAMS
14 AND GOALS ARE CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS ESTABLISHED
15 RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE SPECIFIED IN A NUMBER OF AUDIT
16 FINDINGS. ADDRESSING THESE NEEDS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE
17 CONTINUED REFORM AND GOOD OPERATIONS OF THE OFFICE AND FOR,
18 AGAIN, A BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE EXPERIENCE. THE LEGACY SYSTEM
19 MODERNIZATION IS MY FIRST AND HIGHEST PRIORITY DURING MY TERM
20 AS ASSESSOR. MY OFFICE HAS DEDICATED ENORMOUS PERSONNEL AND
21 FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO THIS PROGRAM. I THANK THE C.E.O. FOR
22 ADDRESSING OUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE NEXT
23 SEVERAL WEEKS. I WILL RETURN TO YOUR BOARD WITH A REQUEST TO
24 EXECUTE OUR FIRST WORK ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROJECT. THE
25 FULFILLMENT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING OVER THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR

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1 YEARS WILL BE CRITICAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION
2 OF OUR LEGACY REPLACEMENT PROJECT. NEXT, AS A RESULT OF THE
3 RECESSION-INDUCED DECLINE IN VALUES WE EXPERIENCED OVER THE
4 LAST SEVERAL YEARS AS WELL AS CHANGES IN ASSESSOR PRACTICES IN
5 THE WAKE OF THE SCANDAL OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION, THE
6 ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD HAS EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT
7 INCREASE IN WORKLOAD OVER THE LAST COUPLE YEARS. I'M WORKING
8 WITH MY PARTNERS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE IN THE ASSESSMENT
9 APPEALS BOARD TO IDENTIFY OTHER SOLUTIONS TO RELIEVE THE
10 BACKLOG INCLUDING STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH NO SHOWS AND
11 EXCESSIVE CONTINUANCES. ADDITIONALLY, IN ORDER TO HELP
12 ALLEVIATE THE BACKLOG, MY POST-ELECTION TRANSITION TEAM
13 RECOMMENDED THAT OUR OFFICE ENCOURAGE YOUR BOARD TO FILL
14 ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD VACANCIES AND TO EXPLORE THE
15 POTENTIAL OF ADDING ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD
16 MEMBERS. I'M EAGER TO WORK WITH YOUR BOARD AND WITH THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO ADDRESS THESE GOALS. AND FINALLY I REMAIN
18 CONCERNED ABOUT OUR EXISTING LEVELS OF WELL-TRAINED PERSONNEL
19 OVER THE COMING YEARS. HIRING, TRAINING AND RETAINING
20 QUALIFIED STAFF IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY ORGANIZATION AND THE
21 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IS NO DIFFERENT. OUR APPRAISAL PERSONNEL
22 REQUIRE YEARS OF TRAINING BEFORE THEY COULD BE FULLY
23 PRODUCTIVE AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WORK PROGRAM. A NEW APPRAISER
24 GENERALLY TAKES ABOUT TWO YEARS OF TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP
25 BEFORE THEY CAN OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. COMMERCIAL AND

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1 INDUSTRIAL APPRAISERS NEED ABOUT FIVE YEARS OF ADVANCED
2 TRAINING DUE TO THE HIGHER COMPLEXITY OF THOSE ASSIGNMENTS.
3 GIVEN THE ENORMOUS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, WE NEED TO PREPARE
4 FOR PERSONNEL REPLACEMENT YEARS IN ADVANCE. ADDITIONALLY GIVEN
5 THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WHO ARE WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF
6 RETIREMENT IT'S VITAL THAT WE BEGIN TRAINING REPLACEMENT
7 PERSONNEL NOW, I BELIEVE, ABOVE THE NORMAL ANNUAL ATTRITION
8 RATE. ENSURING A STABLE RECRUITMENT OF NEW APPRAISERS IS
9 CRITICAL TO FULFILLING OUR MISSION. WITHOUT A STREAM OF NEW
10 EMPLOYEES BEYOND MERE ATTRITION, OUR OFFICE MAY FACE
11 CHALLENGES MANAGING OUR WORKLOAD WHICH IN TURN COULD IMPACT
12 THE COUNTY ASSESSMENT ROLE AND THEREBY REVENUES. ADDITIONAL
13 RESOURCES WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT
14 NEW APPRAISORS COULD BE HIRED FOR OUR ANTICIPATED APRIL 2016
15 CLASS. SO I'M PLEASED TO SUBMIT THIS MY FIRST BUDGET UNDER MY
16 NEW ADMINISTRATION. I RECOGNIZE THE ENORMOUS TASK THAT YOUR
17 BOARD AND THE C.E.O. HAVE IN DEPLOYING A COUNTY-WIDE BUDGET
18 HEIR STRATEGY AND I AM COMMITTED TO BEING A POSITIVE
19 CONTRIBUTOR IN HELPING YOU WITH THIS DIFFICULT ENDEAVOR. BUT I
20 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK MY STAFF. THESE DEDICATED HARD
21 WORKING MEN AND WOMEN HAVE ENDURED A VERY TURBULENT AND
22 STRESSFUL TIME THESE PAST FEW YEARS. BUT DESPITE THESE
23 DISTRACTIONS THEY PERSEVERED AND CONTINUED TO DO THE IMPORTANT
24 WORK THAT IS NECESSARY TO THE OPERATION OF THIS COUNTY. I'M
25 VERY PROUD AND GRATEFUL FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND I'M HONORED TO

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1 BE ABLE TO WORK ALONGSIDE SUCH DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANTS EVERY
2 DAY. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
3 QUESTIONS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** QUESTION. THE STATUS OF THE UPDATING
6 OF THE COMPUTERS?

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8 **JEFF PRANG:** WE'RE MOVING ALONG AT A RATHER BRISK PACE. WE'RE
9 APPROACHING THE REPLACEMENT IN A PHASED APPROACH. WE'VE BEGUN
10 SCANNING OUR 2-1/2 MILLION FILES OF PROPERTY DOCUMENTS,
11 SECURED AND UNSECURED. WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK TO THE
12 BOARD PROBABLY IN JUNE. WE'RE EVALUATING VENDORS WHO WILL
13 DEVELOP THE SOFTWARE AND IMPLEMENTATION. WE WILL BE COMING
14 BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS.
15 WE'RE MAKING VERY, VERY GOOD PROGRESS AT THIS POINT. WE'VE
16 DEDICATED ENORMOUS INTERNAL RESOURCES, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A
17 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP AND MOVED APPRAISERS INTO THIS
18 SECTION TO SPECIALIZE IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TECHNOLOGY. YOUR
19 BOARD, THE C.E.O. HAS RECOMMENDED AUGMENTATION OF STAFF TO
20 HELP US TO ACHIEVE THOSE GOALS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD. QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. I WAS
2 JUST WONDERING HOW YOU'RE DEALING WITH THAT WORKLOAD? AND CAN
3 YOU GIVE US AN IDEA WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS?

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5 **JEFF PRANG:** I'M SORRY WITH THE WHAT?

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE WORKLOAD. YOU SAID YOU HAVE A BACKLOG.

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9 **JEFF PRANG:** OH WITH THE CASES, WELL WE'RE STRUGGLING. RIGHT
10 NOW WE HAVE A BACKLOG OF 25,000 CASES. WE WERE PROCESSING
11 60,000 CASES THIS PAST YEAR. WE BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO
12 COMPLETE 35,000 OF THOSE CASES BY THE CLOSE OF ROLL AT THE END
13 OF JUNE. THERE'S ABOUT 25,000 THAT REMAIN. THIS IS AN
14 ABNORMALLY LARGE NUMBER, WHICH IS STILL ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE
15 RECESSION OF 2008-2010. RESIDENTIAL AS WELL AS
16 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL. WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS TODAY. I
17 THINK I HAD SPOKEN INDIVIDUALLY WITH EACH OF YOU AND YOUR
18 COLLEAGUES ABOUT SOME OF THE THOUGHTS THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING
19 TO EXPEDITE THE WORK PROGRAM. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD TO IDENTIFY
21 STRATEGIES TO MANAGE THOSE CASES MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT EXPANDING THE
24 APPEALS BOARD? YOU AND I HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT.

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1 **JEFF PRANG:** WELL, CURRENTLY THERE ARE THREE BOARDS THAT MEET.
2 THERE ARE FOUR HEARING ROOMS. I THINK THE COUNTY HAS
3 AUTHORIZED UP TO FIVE APPEALS BOARDS. THE CASELOAD, WE THINK,
4 MERITS EMPANELING ALL FIVE OF THOSE BOARDS.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU HAVE COSTS PUT TOGETHER? I'M JUST
7 INTERESTED IN WHAT THAT FIGURES.

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9 **SANTOS KREIMANN:** THERE ARE SOME SPACE LIMITATIONS THAT WE HAVE
10 TO ADDRESS. THE APPEALS BOARD MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEER POSITIONS,
11 AND SO ATTRACTING AND FINDING INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE QUALIFIED
12 TO DEAL WITH REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS IS IMPORTANT

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE THE PANELS ALL FULL?

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16 **SANTOS KREIMANN:** THE PANELS I THINK THE PANELS, WE DO HAVE
17 THREE PANELS WORKING. I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE WORKING FULL-
18 TIME AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND I BELIEVE IT HAS SOME
19 SCHEDULING CHALLENGES.

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21 **INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI:** THE PANELS ACTUALLY RUN -- THERE ARE
22 THREE PANELS. AND THEY RUN FOUR DAYS OUT OF FIVE DAYS OF THE
23 WEEK. THERE'S ALSO, WHEN THE BUSY SEASON COMES, WHICH IS ABOUT
24 RIGHT NOW, THESE PANELS ALSO TRY TO GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES
25 AND HOLD FULL-DAY SESSIONS. SO IF THEY COULD GROUP TOGETHER

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1 SAY IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA ENOUGH CASES, THEY'LL GO OUT FOR A
2 FULL DAY AND PUT ON HEARINGS. I THINK WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO
3 GET TO IS THAT WE CAN EMPANEL FIVE PANELS, THOUGH, WITH THE
4 ADDITION OF MORE PERSONNEL THAT WOULD LIKE TO APPLY ON A
5 VOLUNTARY BASIS, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. THE OTHER THING IS THE
6 APPOINTMENT BY YOUR OFFICES, WHICH WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, AS
7 WELL, TO FINISH FULFILLING THE ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARDS SO
8 THAT IN COMBINATION, I THINK WE COULD GET TO THE FIVE FULL
9 PANELS.

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11 **JEFF PRANG:** IF I MAY JUST CONTINUE ALONG THAT LINE, THE
12 ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD IS DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER
13 COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS. IT IS AN OPERATIONAL BOARD. THEIR ROLE
14 IS CRITICAL TO THE DAY-TO-DAY FUNCTIONS OF OUR OFFICE AS WELL
15 AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. IT IS A TECHNICAL POSITION. SO THE
16 TYPES OF APPOINTEES THAT YOUR BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER ARE PEOPLE
17 WHO ARE HIGHLY SKILLED BUT WHO ALSO HAVE THE TIME TO COMMIT.
18 BECAUSE THEY MEET -- SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS MEET ALMOST FULL-
19 TIME.

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** RIGHT.

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23 **JEFF PRANG:** AND THE WORKLOAD IS SUCH THAT WE COULD EMPANEL A
24 NUMBER OF THESE BOARDS TO MEET FULL-TIME THAT WILL HELP US
25 MANAGE CASELOAD EVEN BETTER.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I KNOW THAT IN OTHER CASES WE DO PROVIDE
3 SOME KIND OF A STIPEND. IN THIS CASE THEY DON'T?

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5 **JEFF PRANG:** THEY DO RECEIVE A STIPEND.

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7 **INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI:** WHICH IS MINIMAL.

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9 **JEFF PRANG:** IT'S MINIMAL. I WOULD URGE YOUR BOARD TO LOOK AT
10 THAT STIPEND. BECAUSE OF THE DEMANDS ON THESE BOARD MEMBERS,
11 I'M NOT CERTAIN THAT THE STIPEND THAT THEY'RE RECEIVING NOW IS
12 SUFFICIENT TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE SORT OF QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME IT WAS INCREASED? DO
15 YOU KNOW?

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17 **JEFF PRANG:** I DON'T KNOW THAT.

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19 **INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI:** WE WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON
20 THAT.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MY ONLY INTEREST IN THIS IS IF WE'RE SEEING
23 SUCH AN INCREASE, WE'RE LOSING OUT IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO GO
24 THROUGH AND CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS.

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1 **INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI:** I ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBERS ARE
2 ACTUALLY ON THE DECLINE FROM THE PERIOD THAT THERE WAS THE
3 FINANCIAL DOWNTURN. THOSE NUMBERS WERE INCREASING. SINCE THAT
4 TIME AND AGAIN, WHILE I WAS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE
5 NUMBERS WERE ACTUALLY COMING DOWN. BUT WHAT MR. PRANG IS
6 TALKING ABOUT IS THE ACTUAL BACKLOG FROM WHEN WE HAD THE
7 FINANCIAL DOWNTURN THAT KIND OF A COMPILATION OF ALSO GETTING
8 THE NEW CASES. SO WE REALLY NEED TO ADDRESS WHAT'S HAPPENED
9 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** RIGHT.

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13 **JEFF PRANG:** THIS PROVIDES CHALLENGES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS, THE
14 TAXPAYERS. IF YOU'RE A HOMEOWNER, AS YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU
15 CHALLENGE YOUR TAX BILL, YOU HAVE TO PAY THE TAXES FIRST. WE
16 HAVE CASES THAT ARE SITTING WAITING BE TO BE HEARD THAT ARE
17 DELAYED TWO AND THREE YEARS IN SOME CASES. AND FOR LARGE
18 BUSINESSES, IT'S IMPACTFUL FOR THEM, AS WELL, TO HAVE YOUR
19 DOLLARS CAUGHT UP IN AN APPEALS PROCESS. SO WE WANT TO PROVIDE
20 TAXPAYERS EXPEDIENT ACCESS TO A HEARING. SO WE ARE LOOKING AT
21 OUR INTERNAL ORGANIZATION TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO PROCESS
22 CASES BETTER. WE'RE GOING TO SHIFT MORE PERSONNEL INTO OUR
23 ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD UNIT. BUT WE'LL NEED SOME SUPPORT
24 FROM YOUR BOARD, AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT IN SOME INSTANCES
2 YOU HAVE A BACKLOG, YOU HAVE PEOPLE WAITING FOR LIKE OVER TWO
3 YEARS?

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5 **JEFF PRANG:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

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7 **INTERIM C.E.O. HAMAI:** BY STATUTE, IT IS A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.
8 THEY COULD ALSO PROVIDE A WAIVER. AFTER THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD,
9 THEY CAN PROVIDE A WAIVER AND IT WILL GO UP TO TWO YEARS.

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11 **JEFF PRANG:** SO WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE CHALLENGES. SOME OF
12 THEM ARE SITUATIONAL BASED ON THEIR SESSION. WE BELIEVE THAT
13 THERE ARE EFFICIENCIES THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT THROUGH OUR
14 DEPARTMENT. WE WANT TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICE, TO SEE IF WE CAN LOOK AT IT MORE HOLISTICALLY AND
16 WOULD COME BACK TO YOU LATER IN THE YEAR WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS
17 AS TO HOW WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND ON YOUR RETENTION OF STAFF AND OUTREACH,
20 TO HELP KIND OF PREPARE FOR THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO BE
21 RETIRING, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN OF ACTION?

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23 **JEFF PRANG:** OUR PLAN THIS YEAR, FOR OUR NORMAL BUDGET WE HAVE
24 A CLASS OF 30 APPRAISERS WHO WILL BEGIN TRAINING LATER THIS
25 SUMMER. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE ANOTHER CLASS OF 30 THAT WILL

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1 BEGIN IN APRIL 2016. THAT WILL TAKE US AHEAD OF ATTRITION.
2 THAT WILL ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT WE ARE SHIFTING SOME
3 OPERATIONS PERSONNEL INTO OUR BUSINESS SOLUTIONS GROUP AS WELL
4 AS ASSESSMENT APPEALS. WE ARE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING
5 FROM YOUR BOARD TO FUND ADDITIONAL 9 POSITIONS TO COME UP WITH
6 THAT FULL COMPLEMENT OF A 30-MEMBER CLASS.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THE STRUCTURING OF THE CLASSES, YOU THINK
9 THAT'S ADEQUATE, THEN, TO HELP MEET YOUR --

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11 **JEFF PRANG:** IT'S NOT SUFFICIENT. BUT IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT
12 DIRECTION. AND WE THINK IT'S A REASONABLE FISCAL REQUEST UNDER
13 THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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15 **SANTOS KREIMANN:** IN TERMS OF BUDGET, WE'VE IDENTIFIED FUNDING
16 FOR APPROXIMATELY 36 TRAINEES. THE C.E.O. HAS PROVIDED FUNDING
17 OR RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR 15 POSITIONS THAT WE WOULD USE AS
18 THE CLASS. AND THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL NINE POSITIONS THAT IS AN
19 UNMET NEED THAT WE'RE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR AS PART OF THIS
20 BUDGET PROCESS OR PART OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. BUT THE
21 CLASS OF THE SECOND 30 WILL START IN APRIL, SO WE WOULD HAVE
22 TO HAVE FUNDING IN PLACE BY THAT TIME IN ORDER FOR US TO MOVE
23 FORWARD.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU. MR. ARCHULETA.

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2 **JEFF PRANG:** I HAVE A BOARD LETTER THAT I'LL PROVIDE THE C.E.O.
3 TO DISTRIBUTE. MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. PRANG.

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7 **BOB ARCHULETA:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M BOB
8 ARCHULETA, ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 COMMISSION ON OUR LIBRARIES. AND I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT
10 SOMETHING THAT'S NEAR AND DEAR TO YOUR HEARTS, EACH AND EVERY
11 ONE OF YOU, BECAUSE EVERY ONE OF YOU HAS EXPRESSED THE LOVE OF
12 OUR LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND THE CARE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US OVER
13 THE YEARS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT ON BEHALF
14 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION, I
15 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO STRONGLY CONSIDER
16 FUNDING THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS' UNMET NEED REQUESTS FOR
17 APPROXIMATELY \$12.3 MILLION. THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF 2015-'16
18 WILL EQUIP THE LIBRARY WITH THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO SUSTAIN
19 THE MATERIALS BUDGET, WHICH WAS SEVERELY IMPACTED BY
20 SUCCESSIVE BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS AND ELIMINATION OF THE STATE
21 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND. I'M SURE MOST OF YOU KNOW, THAT FUND WAS
22 GIVEN TO US SO THEN, IN TURN, WE COULD PROVIDE THE LIBRARY
23 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND AS THE
24 LARGEST PROVIDER OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY, THE
25 LIBRARY MATERIALS' UNMET NEEDS BUDGET STILL REMAINS AT \$6

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1 MILLION BELOW THE LEVEL NEEDED FOR THE SYSTEM OF OUR SIZE. THE
2 COMMISSION WISHES TO THANK YOU, OF COURSE, FOR THE YEARS AND
3 TIME YOU'VE GIVEN THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS WITHIN YOUR DISTRICTS,
4 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALL OF YOU, HAVE COME TOGETHER
5 OVER THE YEARS. AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN 2014-'15 WITH THE
6 FUNDS THAT YOU GAVE US, THE RESTORING OF THE LIBRARY'S GENERAL
7 FUND CONTRIBUTION THE ADDED TIME AND MONEY THAT YOU'VE GIVEN
8 US ALLOWED US TO OPEN THE DOORS IN MANY OF THE LIBRARIES AND
9 CONTINUE THE HOURS OF SERVICE IN 41 OF THE LIBRARIES. AND EACH
10 ONE OF THOSE AFFECTS YOUR DISTRICT. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A
11 HIGH DEMAND FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULT MATERIALS IN OUR
12 COMMUNITIES, MATERIALS WHICH WILL HELP THE FAMILIES MEET THEIR
13 EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS.
14 AND OF COURSE WITH THE NUMBER OF KIDS DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL
15 EVERY SINGLE DAY, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LITERACY NEEDS.
16 THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES PROVIDED THE LIBRARY, THIS HAS GIVEN
17 US AN AVERAGE OF 45 PERCENT MORE AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE PAST
18 TO BUY THE PRINTED MATERIALS TO TO INCREASE THE COLLECTION OF
19 SIZE OF THE BOOKS THAT WERE NEEDED. 60,000 VOLUMES AND PLUS.
20 ADDITIONALLY IN 2014 AND '15 FUNDING WAS USED TO ENHANCE THE
21 VIRTUAL LIBRARY, ALLOWING THE LIBRARY SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE
22 LIBRARY IN EVERY COMMUNITY TO PURCHASE MORE ELECTRONIC AND
23 DIGITAL CONTENT. AS A RESULT, THE LIBRARY EXPERIENCED A 48
24 PERCENT INCREASE IN CUSTOMER DOWNLOADS AND ONLINE ACCESS ON
25 EMAILS THAT SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY'S ONLINE LEARNING NEEDS.

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1 AND THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF TODAY ARE SO DEMANDING. TO
2 RECEIVE A DIPLOMA, THE KIDS OF TODAY ARE USING OUR LIBRARIES.
3 THE ADULTS, FOR JOB SKILLS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY
4 AND OTHER SPECIALIZED TRAINING IS ALL FOUND THERE IN OUR
5 LIBRARIES. SO IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALSO TAKE A LOOK AT
6 SOMETHING THAT MOST OF US MAY NOT KNOW, BUT OUR BOOKMOBILES.
7 THE COMMISSION IS ALSO REQUESTING THE BOARD SUPPORT TO REPLACE
8 THE LIBRARY'S AGING BOOK- MOBILE FLEET AND FUNDING THE
9 PURCHASE TO NEW VEHICLES AT \$300,000. THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE
10 LIBRARY FLEET IS NOW 13 YEARS. THE AVERAGE COMBINED ROUTES AND
11 TERRAIN THAT THESE VEHICLES MUST TRAVEL HAS RESULTED IN
12 SIGNIFICANT DOWNTIMES CAUSED BY MECHANICAL ISSUES. SO THE
13 BOOKMOBILES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT
14 COVERS EVERY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY. SO AGAIN I'D LIKE TO
15 THANK YOU ALL. WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE D IN THE PAST. THE
16 COMMISSION IS WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH OUR LIBRARIAN AND WE ARE
17 READY TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN. BUT AGAIN \$6 MILLION IS ON THE
18 UNMET DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR LIBRARIES
19 NEED CARPETING, PAINTING, ROOFS AND REPLACEMENT, THERE'S JUST
20 SO MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE. SO THE TOTAL REQUEST IS 12.3
21 MILLION. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU STRONGLY CONSIDER THAT REQUEST
22 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE COST OF THE VEHICLE?

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1

2 **BOB ARCHULETA:** \$300,000 FOR BOTH BOOKMOBILES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME IN ACQUIRING
5 ONE?

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7 **BOB ARCHULETA:** WELL, WE'RE HOPING TO ACQUIRE THOSE OVERLY AS
8 SOON AS THE BUDGET IS APPROVED. AND IT WOULD BE JUNE, JULY,
9 AUGUST, RIGHT ABOUT THAT TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY ARE AVAILABLE. THEY DON'T HAVE TO
12 BE BUILT ESPECIALLY?

13

14 **BOB ARCHULETA:** NO. THEY COULD BE EQUIPPED. AND THEY COULD BE
15 ON THE ROAD AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE FUNDS.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? I HAVE A QUESTION. SO WHAT HAS
18 BEEN THE PATTERN OF USE OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY ITSELF? I MEAN,
19 HOW ARE THEY USED IN THE COUNTY?

20

21 **BOB ARCHULETA:** THE BOOKMOBILE?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOW IS THAT SET UP?

24

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1 **BOB ARCHULETA:** FOR EXAMPLE, THERE COULD BE A PROGRAM THAT THE
2 KIDS ARE PUTTING TOGETHER AT A PARTICULAR LIBRARY. THE
3 BOOKMOBILE WOULD COME WITH SPECIAL GUESTS, ADDITIONAL BOOKS
4 AND ESPECIALLY IN AREAS WHERE THEY'RE UP IN ONE END OF THE
5 COUNTY IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO HAVE PEOPLE GO TO THE
6 LIBRARY, BUT THE BOOKMOBILE WILL TRAVEL WITH BOOKS THAT ARE
7 JUST OUT AND SO ON.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HAVE YOU ALWAYS ONLY JUST HAD TWO
10 BOOKMOBILES?

11

12 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** YOLANDA DERAMUS, CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE PUBLIC
13 LIBRARY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THREE BOOKMOBILES.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THREE?

16

17 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** YES. AND THEY'RE IN SERVICE, BUT THE ISSUE IS
18 THAT AS ARCHULETA MENTIONED, THAT THEY'RE 13 YEARS OLD AND
19 WE'RE CONSTANTLY HAVING TO OUTLAY COSTS FOR DOWNTIME OF THOSE
20 BOOKMOBILES. SO WE JUST ARE TRYING TO GO WITH THE BETTER
21 TECHNOLOGY. WE'RE LOOKING AT SMALLER BOOKMOBILES INSTEAD OF
22 THE LARGER ONES THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO REALLY DISPERSE OUT
23 INTO THE COMMUNITIES MUCH FASTER. AND WE CAN ALSO ESTABLISH
24 MORE ROUTES.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND INCLUDE IT EQUIPMENT?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** OH, YES, ABSOLUTELY, YES.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** IT'S ABOUT 150,000 PER?

6

7 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** ABOUT 150 PER. IT WOULD TAKE US APPROXIMATELY

8 I THINK SIX MONTHS OR SO BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH

9 THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS. AND THEN ALSO WITH PURCHASING THE

10 BOOKMOBILES. BUT THEN ALSO EQUIPPING WITH IT THE REQUIRED

11 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE BOOKS SO IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT

12 SIX MONTHS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND STAFF, RIGHT?

15

16 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THAT'S THE QUESTION I HAD, TOO, ABOUT

19 STAFFING, THE HOURS I KNOW IN THE PAST THE HOURS HAD BEEN CUT

20 BACK AT A LOT OF OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MY DISTRICT, I KNOW

21 WE'VE HEARD A LOT FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS. AND I'M WONDERING HOW

22 THAT IS LOOKING THESE DAYS, IF YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE COMING BACK

23 AND WE'RE ABLE TO HAVE MORE HOURS, IS THAT- CAN YOU- DO YOU

24 HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING TO GIVE US ON THAT?

25

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1 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** AS IT PARTICULARLY RELATES TO THE
2 BOOKMOBILES?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** NO TO THE LIBRARIES THEMSELVES, THE HOURS.
5 BECAUSE I KNOW HOURS HAVE BEEN CUT BACK.

6

7 **YOLANDA DERAMUS:** RIGHT. BUT THIS FISCAL YEAR, THROUGH THE
8 SUPPORT OF THE BOARD AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WE HAD A
9 RESTORATION OF APPROXIMATELY 3.6 MILLION, WHICH ALLOWED US TO
10 GO BACK TO OUR 10, 11 HOURS, WHICH WE HAD TO CUT DURING THE
11 RECESSIONARY PERIOD. SO AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WE DO NOT SEE
12 ANY CHANGES IN OUR HOURS AT THIS POINT. SUP. SOLIS: SO THAT'S
13 IT. I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **BOB ARCHULETA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LIBRARY
18 SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
21 SPEAKERS WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT THEM TO TWO MINUTES EACH AND
22 I'LL CALL FOUR UP AT A TIME. MICHAEL AGUILERA. RITA JOSEPHBEK.
23 JESUS RAMIREZ. VICKY YEPIZ. MR. GREEN, ARE YOU ALSO GOING TO
24 SPEAK? MICHAEL? ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK, TOO? WHY DON'T YOU
25 COME UP. OKAY.

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1

2 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THANK YOU. I DO HAVE SOME HANDOUTS TO PASS OVER
3 TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE STAFF OF THE C.E.O. IT'S
4 CALLED RAISE UP ALL OF L.A. COUNTY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS,
5 MY NAME IS MICHAEL GREEN, AND I AM THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL
6 DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721, A UNION OF 90,000 PUBLIC
7 SERVICE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE 50,000 WHO WORK FOR THE
8 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SHARE CONCERNS AND
9 OFFER OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW YOUR BOARD MIGHT BE ABLE
10 TO BUILD ON THE C.E.O.'S BUDGET PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS CRITICAL
11 NEEDS FACING OUR COMMUNITY. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE C.E.O.'S
12 BUDGET PROPOSALS REPRESENT THE TRANSITION FROM RECOVER TO
13 REFORM BUT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MUCH OF THE REFORM AND THE
14 LION'S SHARE OF THE COUNTY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS IS DEDICATED TO
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE MANY UNMET NEEDS IN
16 L.A. COUNTY. 14 OF YOUR EMPLOYEES FROM A HALF DOZEN
17 DEPARTMENTS HAVE TAKEN TIME OFF OF WORK THIS MORNING TO BRING
18 SOME OF THESE CRITICAL ISSUES TO YOUR ATTENTION. THE ISSUES
19 ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE HANDOUT THAT WE JUST HAVE PROVIDED TO
20 YOU. WHEN THEY ARE DONE, MR. MAYOR, I HOPE YOU WILL ALLOW ME
21 TO USE MY SECOND MINUTE TO MAKE A FINAL COMMENT. THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH. WE'LL START OFF WITH MICHAEL AGUILERA.

23

24 **MICHAEL AGUILERA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MICHAEL AGUILERA, I
25 AM A CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN

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1 AND FAMILY SERVICES WHERE I WORKED FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. I
2 WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE CURRENT WORKLOAD AND HOW IT'S NOT
3 ADEQUATELY POSITIONED TO ALLOW US TO DO OUR OPTIMUM LEVEL OF
4 CHILD SAFETY. THIS AFFECTS THE MOST DISADVANTAGED AND
5 DISENFRANCHISED POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY: OUR CHILDREN. THIS
6 REQUIRES SOCIAL WORKERS TO FOCUS MORE ON ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES
7 THAN WORKING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FAMILIES. AND THIS DOES
8 OUR CHILDREN A DISSERVICE. THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO RETAIN
9 QUALIFIED NEW STAFF IS CENTRAL TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF
10 SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO OUR CHILDREN OF L.A. COUNTY. I DO WANT
11 TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING
12 CHILD SAFETY AND TO WORKING ON REDUCING CASELOAD, WHICH ARE
13 INEXTRICABLY LINKED. AS CHILDREN SOCIAL WORKERS, WE CONTINUE
14 TO STRIVE TO GET OUR CASELOADS TO 18 FOR OUR FRONT END
15 EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKERS AND 24 FOR OUR BACKEND CONTINUING
16 SERVICES WORKERS. WHAT WILL THIS TAKE? THIS WILL TAKE
17 ADDITIONAL STAFF. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. BUT IT WILL
18 TAKE MORE THAN JUST ADDITIONAL STAFF. WE'RE LOOKING AT AN
19 ATTRITION RATE OF NEARLY 10 PERCENT, WHICH IS ONLY COMPARABLE,
20 WE'VE BEEN TOLD, TO HOMELAND SECURITY, AN AGENCY THAT'S
21 DEVOTED TO PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY, FROM TERRORISM. THE
22 D.C.F.S. ATTRITION RATE IS CURRENTLY AT ABOUT 2 PERCENT. IF WE
23 WERE ABLE TO RETAIN THESE NEW STAFF, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
24 CONTINUE TO REDUCE OUR C.S.W. WORKLOAD AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY
25 OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO THESE

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1 CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WHAT ELSE WOULD THIS TAKE?
2 WE SEE THAT OUR CURRENT SOLUTION IS TWOFOLD. TO CREATE A
3 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AND ALSO IMPROVE TRAINING SO THAT WE COULD
4 HAVE UNIFORMED SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **RITA JOSEPHBEK:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
10 RITA JOSEPHBEK. I'M AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, GLENDALE DISTRICT OFFICE. WITH THE
12 CURRENT HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT THAT PASSED OUR CASELOAD HAS
13 INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY. WITH THE CALFRESH PROGRAM, EACH
14 WORKER IS CARRYING ANYWHERE FROM 3,500 TO 4,500 CASES. IT HAS
15 BECOME AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK TO PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY MANAGE
16 THESE CASELOADS. HOWEVER, THE MOST VULNERABLE SEGMENT OF THE
17 SOCIETY THAT WE ARE SERVICING IS FEELING THE IMPACT OF IT. WE
18 ARE UNABLE TO GIVE THEM EXCELLENT SERVICE. THE LONG LINES IN
19 THE DISTRICT OFFICES, THE HIGH CASELOADS, THE ELIGIBILITY
20 WORKERS GETTING PHYSICALLY SICK FROM THE STRESS, HAVE LEFT
21 D.P.S.S. IN A VERY VULNERABLE SITUATION. WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO
22 FIX THIS? MORE STAFF. I WOULD ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
23 HIRE MORE STAFF IN THE DISTRICT OFFICES. IT WILL ALSO TAKE
24 ANOTHER MAJOR COMPONENT, WHICH IS AUTOMATION, WHICH AT THIS
25 POINT IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. SO WE NEED NEW TECHNOLOGY

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1 ALONG WITH NEW STAFF TO REMEDY THIS PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **JESUS RAMIREZ:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
7 JESUS RAMIREZ. I'M ALSO AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER FOR THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. JUST LIKE SHE SAID,
9 RIGHT NOW WE'RE ENDURING A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR OFFICES.
10 WE HAVE EXCESSIVE CASELOADS AVERAGING IN MY SECTION, INTAKE,
11 WHERE WE ASSESS ELIGIBILITY, A CASELOAD OF ABOUT 90 TO 100
12 CASES. WHEN I FIRST STARTED IN 2004, WE WERE AVERAGING A
13 CASELOAD OF ABOUT 40 TO 50, WHICH WAS MANAGEABLE. SINCE THEN
14 AFTER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, OUR CASELOAD HAS DOUBLED,
15 MAKING IT UNMANAGEABLE³ I SUFFERED FROM FACIAL PARALYSIS,
16 BELL'S PALSY ON MY RIGHT SIDE. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER STAFF
17 THAT HAVE HYPER VENTILATED DUE TO THE HIGH STRESS LEVELS.
18 THEY'VE BEEN WHEELED OUT IN AMBULANCES. THERE ARE WORKERS THAT
19 HAVE LEFT CRYING DUE TO THE HIGH CASELOAD. OUR COMMUNITY
20 MEMBERS LEAVE CRYING BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SERVICED WITH
21 THE SERVICES THAT THEY CAME FOR, MEDICAL BENEFITS, CALFRESH,
22 CALWORKS. SO, AGAIN, LIKE SHE SAID, WE NEED MORE STAFF TO BE
23 ABLE TO MANAGE THIS CASELOAD THAT HAS BEEN UNCONTROLLABLE AND
24 UNMANAGEABLE AT THIS POINT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP AN LISA
2 HERNANDEZ, KIM PETERS AND DAYSY QUINONEZ.

3

4 **VICKY YEPIZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VICKY YEPIZ: AND I AM A
5 HEALTHCARE INTERPRETER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
6 I JUST WANTED TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT WE HAPPEN TO LIVE IN
7 THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTY OF THE NATION, I THINK. AND IN THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, WE SERVICE ABOUT 2 MILLION
9 PATIENTS VISITS EACH YEAR. 1 MILLION OF THOSE PATIENTS ARE
10 LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT PATIENTS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON
11 BEHALF OF THOSE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT PATIENTS BECAUSE
12 THEY NEED TO RECEIVE THEIR SERVICES THROUGH AN INTERPRETER.
13 AND THERE'S AN ASSUMPTION THAT ANY BILINGUAL CAN PERFORM THIS
14 JOB. THE RESULT OF NOT BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE APPROPRIATELY
15 WITH THE L.E.P. PATIENTS IS THAT THEY DON'T GET THE CORRECT
16 INFORMATION. THEY DON'T COMPLY. THERE'S UNMANAGED PAIN AND
17 THERE'S LESS SATISFACTION. THERE HAPPENS TO F BE ABOUT 15
18 INTERPRETERS THAT SERVICE THEB L.A. COUNTY D.H.S. WHICH REALLY
19 HOW CAN YOU SERVICE WITH THAT SMALL AMOUNT OF INTERPRETERS. SO
20 THE RISK OF USING UNTRAINED INTERPRETERS IS THAT OUR PATIENTS
21 GET WATERED DOWN OR FILTERED INFORMATION BECAUSE THEY'RE USING
22 FAMILIES OR THEY'RE USING UNTRAINED STAFF. SO I HAPPEN TO BE
23 NOT ONLY AN INTERPRETER FOR 16 YEARS, I'M ALSO A PARENT OF A
24 DEAF OR IMPAIRED CHILD, YOUNG LADY I MUST SAY. AND I KNOW WHAT
25 A SIMPLE LITTLE MISCOMMUNICATION CAN DO TO A WHOLE

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1 CONVERSATION. SO I URGE YOU TO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU FOCUS
2 A LITTLE BIT WITH HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH OUR PATIENTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IN YOUR PAPER THAT WAS HANDED OUT BY
5 MR. GREEN, INDICATED 15 INTERPRETERS IS WHAT WE HAVE?

6

7 **VICKY YEPIZ:** YEAH. I THOUGHT I SAID 14. BUT I THINK IT'S 15
8 THAT WE HAVE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

11

12 **VICKY YEPIZ:** FOR L.A. COUNTY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND OUTSIDE, EXCLUDING THE COURTS?

15

16 **VICKY YEPIZ:** EXCUSE ME? EXCLUDING THE COURTS?

17

18 **VICKY YEPIZ:** YES, THIS IS FOR THE D.H.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES. CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I THOUGHT WE HAD A LITTLE MORE THAN
22 THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I HAVE A QUESTION, TOO, MR. MAYOR.
25 SUPERVISOR.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED? ARE YOU CENTRALIZED?
3 OR HOW IS IT THAT YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION OUT?

4

5 **VICKY YEPIZ:** WELL, WE ARE ACTUALLY DISPERSED IN THE DIFFERENT
6 HOSPITALS. BUT WE ARE VIDEOCASTED THROUGH TELEPHONIC. I HAPPEN
7 TO LIVE IN WESTCHESTER AND I COMMUTE TO SYLMAR. I'M IN OLIVE
8 VIEW. I'M STATIONED IN OLIVE VIEW. SO L.A.C.+U.S.C. HAS SOME,
9 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, HARBOR AND M.L.K. AND THIS IS WHERE THE
10 POSITIONS ARE. BUT WE SERVICE THE WHOLE STATE, ACTUALLY. SO
11 THERE'S SOME WORK TO BE DONE.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO WHEN YOU DO A TELECONFERENCE, HOW DOES
14 THAT TYPICALLY WORK? RUN ME THROUGH THAT. IS IT ONE-ON-ONE? OR
15 IS IT A GROUP OF PEOPLE? OR HOW IS IT?

16

17 **VICKY YEPIZ:** IT'S ONE-ON-ONE. THERE'S SOME ISSUES AND
18 DIFFICULTIES THAT COME UP BECAUSE THERE'S STATIC. AND
19 SOMETIMES TELEPHONIC ISN'T THE BEST. SO EVEN VIDEO ISN'T THE
20 BEST. AND WE CAN'T REALLY GO THERE BECAUSE WE'RE NOT AT THAT
21 FACILITY. SO IF WE'RE ON SPEAKERPHONE, THERE'S STAGGERING
22 SOMETIMES OR STATIC. BUT USUALLY IT'S THE PATIENT, THE DOCTOR
23 AND THEN THE INTERPRETER EITHER VIDEO OR TELEPHONIC
24 INTERPRETATION.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HAVE YOU SEEN AN INCREASE IN OTHER LANGUAGE
2 NEEDS, USAGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES? BECAUSE I KNOW IT ISN'T JUST
3 SPANISH. WE HAVE SUCH DIVERSE.

4

5 **VICKY YEPIZ:** WE HAVE VERY HIGH DIVERSE POPULATION. SPANISH IS
6 THE HIGHEST, OF COURSE. WE HAVE ABOUT 8 VERY HIGH USAGE. IT
7 DEPENDS ON THE ZONES THAT WE ARE IN. BUT WE HAVE ABOUT 20
8 LANGUAGES THAT WE SERVICE A LOT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'D LOVE TO SEE INFORMATION ON AN EVALUATION
11 OF WHAT THE CUSTOMERS FEEL IN TERM OF THE ADEQUACY OF SERVICE.
12 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL DO THAT OR THE DEPARTMENT DOES THAT.

13

14 **VICKY YEPIZ:** I'M QUITE NEW TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I
15 RELOCATED. I KNOW THAT WHEN YOU USED SUFFICIENTLY, LIKE I
16 SAID, I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 16 YEARS. AND BEING A PARENT OF
17 A DEAF YOUNG LADY, I'VE HAD MY LIFE FULL OF HOW COMMUNICATION
18 AFFECTS YOUR DAILY LIVING. BUT THERE REALLY IS A GREAT IMPACT
19 ON HOW THE PATIENT COMPLIES AND FOLLOWS WHEN THERE'S THAT
20 CORRECT COMMUNICATION. AND PATIENT SATISFACTION IS VERY MUCH
21 LINKED WITH HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. I CAN TRY AND SEE IF
22 I CAN GET YOU SOME OF THAT INFORMATION.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **VICKY YEPIZ:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **KIM PETERS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KIM PETERS.

6 I'M A LIBRARY ASSISTANT II AT THE CLAREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY. I

7 JOINED THE DEPARTMENT 37 YEARS AGO AS A LIBRARY AID AND BECAME

8 A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF YEARS AFTER.

9 DURING MY YEARS I HAVE BEEN THROUGH JUST ABOUT EVERY BUDGET

10 CRISIS YOU CAN IMAGINE. IN ALL THOSE YEARS OUR STAFFING HAVE

11 NEVER BEEN AS CRITICALLY SHORT AS IT IS TODAY. WE HAVE FACED

12 REDUCTION AFTER REDUCTION. OUR DEPARTMENT HAS LEFT POSITIONS

13 UNFILLED AS OF MARCH OF THIS YEAR WE HAD A 24.9 PERCENT

14 VACANCY RATE. THIS SHORTAGE LEAVES THE PUBLIC UNDERSERVED AND

15 UNSAFE IN LIBRARIES AS THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH STAFF TO PROVIDE

16 EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE OR TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS A

17 SAFE, PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE LIBRARY. WE ARE OFTEN SO

18 SHORT THAT VACATIONS ARE DELAYED OR DENIED. WE HAVE MORE STAFF

19 MEMBERS BECOMING OVERWORKED, OVERSTRESSED, CAUSING SERIOUS

20 HEALTH ISSUES, WHICH THEN INCREASES THE SHORTAGE THROUGH

21 ABSENCES. WHY AM I STILL HERE? BECAUSE THIS HAS NEVER BEEN

22 JUST A JOB FOR ME. I CARE ABOUT LIBRARIES. I CARE ABOUT OUR

23 PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE. I CARE ABOUT PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE.

24 AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGIES CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH. THEY WILL NEVER

25 REPLACE THE ONE-ON-ONE CARE WE PROVIDE TO THE POOR, THE

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1 ELDERLY, THE CHILDREN. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO PROVIDING
2 GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE IS TO PROVIDE STAFFING TO PROVIDE THAT
3 GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE. FILLING THE CURRENT VACANCIES AND
4 CREATING ADDITIONAL PERMANENT POSITIONS IN THE LIBRARY,
5 INCLUDING PERMANENT CLERICAL POSITIONS, IS DESPERATELY NEEDED.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK.

9

10 **DAYSY QUINONEZ:** MY NAME IS DAYSY QUINONEZ. I HAVE BEEN WITH
11 THE COUNTY SINCE 2007. I WAS PREVIOUS A PAGE AT SUNKIST
12 LIBRARY AND NOW I'M AN AID AT WEST COVINA LIBRARY. I HAVE BEEN
13 A PAGE FOR SIX YEARS.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** EXCUSE ME. EXPLAIN WHAT A PAGE IS. THAT'S
16 FASCINATING BECAUSE WE HAD PAGES IN THE CONGRESS. BUT I DIDN'T
17 KNOW WE HAD THEM IN THE LIBRARY.

18

19 **DAYSY QUINONEZ:** WELL, A PAGE, THE GENERAL JOB IS TO PUT AWAY
20 THE BOOKS, HELP PATRONS TO HELP THEM GET WHERE THEY NEED TO
21 BE, HELP THEM SECURITY MEASURES SOMETIMES, CLEANUP A LITTLE
22 BIT. AN AID USUALLY CHECKS OUT BOOKS, OVERSEEING EVERYTHING TO
23 HOW THE BOOKS WORK. SORRY I'M SO NERVOUS. ONE OF THE MANY
24 REASONS I'VE BEEN A PAGE FOR SO LONG, I DIDN'T WANT TO MOVE UP
25 JUST BECAUSE AT THE TIME I WAS GETTING EXTRA HOURS. I WAS

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1 GETTING 32 HOURS AT THE TIME. AND THEN THEY CUT, THERE WAS A
2 BUDGET CUT. AND I WAS BACK TO 20. ON AND OFF THEY WOULD GIVE
3 US 28 HOURS. I DIDN'T WANT TO BE AN AIDE JUST BECAUSE OF THAT
4 REASON. AND THEN WHEN THEY CUT US DOWN, I MOVED UP SO I COULD
5 GET EXTRA HOURS. SO AT THAT POINT IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO HELP OUT
6 MY FAMILY. MY MOM IS STILL NOT WORKING AS MUCH AS SHE WANTS
7 TO. I'M USUALLY THE ONE THAT HELPS OUT. I CURRENTLY FOUND A
8 SECOND JOB JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET. WHEN I WAS WORKING AT
9 SUNKIST, THERE WAS MANY OF MY COWORKERS WHO LOVED THEIR JOBS,
10 BUT THEY HAD TO MOVE ON.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ARE YOU A STUDENT?

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14 **DAYSY QUINONEZ:** NO, I'M NOT.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WERE YOU A FULL-TIME STUDENT?

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18 **DAYSY QUINONEZ:** NO. BUT I WANT TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL JUST SO I
19 COULD STAY AND MOVE UP MAYBE FURTHER IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO YOU STAYED AS A PAGE BECAUSE THAT WAS
22 MORE JOB SECURITY THAN MOVING UP TO THE OTHER LEVEL, HIGHER
23 LEVEL?

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1 **DAYSY QUINONEZ:** BUT IT WASN'T SECURE, THOUGH, YEAH. YOU'D GET
2 CUT BACK IN HOURS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I GOT IT. THANK YOU. VERY MUCH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. BEFORE YOU, LET
7 ME CALL UP HENRY LOPEZ. ELENA MEZA. SYLVIA LUMFORD. YES.

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9 **MELISSA HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME'S MELISSA HERNANDEZ. I'M WITH L.A.
10 COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION. VERY PROUD. BEEN WITH PARKS AND
11 RECREATION FOR 20 PLUS YEARS. AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT. BUT
12 IT'S A DIFFERENT TIME TODAY THAN IT WAS WHEN I WAS A REC
13 LEADER AND I STARTED AT THE VERY BOTTOM WORKING MY WAY UP.
14 TODAY THE EMPLOYEES, THE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES MAKING UNDER \$15
15 AN HOUR CAN'T SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. AND IT'S REALLY
16 DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE SUPERVISING PEOPLE AND THEY HAVE ISSUES
17 WITH TRYING TO GET SECTION 8 AND TRYING TO GET CHILDCARE. AND
18 THESE ARE FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. AND IT BREAKS MY
19 HEART. THE STAFFING HAS BEEN CUT TREMENDOUSLY. AND WITH THE
20 STAFFING CUT, WE HAD TO ASK OUR REC LEADERS, THE ONES THAT
21 WATCH THE KIDS DURING PROGRAMS, AFTER SCHOOL, TINY TOTS,
22 THINGS LIKE THAT, TO DO ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES BECAUSE WE'RE
23 SHORT STAFFED. SO AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS WHERE WE HAVE THE
24 PRESCHOOL TEACHERS HAVING TO MAKE THE BANK RUNS IN BETWEEN
25 CLASSES OF AFTER SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL. AND I HAD THE PRINCIPAL

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1 ONCE CALLED AND SAID "HEY, MELISSA, WE HAVE 30 KIDS WAITING
2 OUTSIDE. WHERE IS YOUR STAFF TO PICK THEM UP?" AND I'M LIKE
3 "MY STAFF WILL BE THERE AS SOON AS THEY CAN. THEY HAD TO MAKE
4 THE BANK RUN," BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE SECRETARIES. WE DON'T
5 HAVE CASHIERS. WE DON'T HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. SO BECAUSE
6 THEY'RE DOING ALL OF THIS ADMINISTRATION STAFF, WE'RE LEAVING
7 THE KIDS OUTSIDE. AND IT'S BECOME REALLY SAD BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
8 WITH PARKS MY WHOLE LIFE AND TO LEAVE KIDS OUT THERE BREAKS MY
9 HEART. SO I JUST WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION, THAT
10 CUT FUNDING NOT JUST AFFECTS THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE MAKING
11 UNDER \$15 AN HOUR AND TRYING TO LIVE, BUT IT ALSO CUTS OUR
12 PROGRAMMING. AND IT LEAVES COMMUNITIES WITHOUT- RESOURCES,
13 THINGS THEY CAN AFFORD BECAUSE PARKS AND RECREATION PROVIDES
14 SERVICES THAT THE OUTSIDE SOURCES CAN'T PROVIDE. SO THANK YOU
15 SO MUCH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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19 **HENRY LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS HENRY LOPEZ. I'M WITH THE COUNTY
20 LIBRARY. SINCE 2002-- IN 2004 I WAS INVOLVED IN A CAR ACCIDENT
21 THAT RENDERED ME DISABLED. BECAUSE I WAS A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE
22 WITH THE LIBRARY I WAS TERMINATED BECAUSE I WASN'T ABLE TO
23 REHABILITATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIME ALLOWED TO RETURN. I
24 HAVE SINCE RETURNED WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARY. I LOVE MY JOB. I
25 ENJOY WORKING HARD. I LOVE GIVING EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE.

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1 I DEPEND ON THIS JOB TO HELP MY FAMILY. I'M 32 AND STILL LIVE
2 WITH MY PARENTS. THEY DEPEND ON MY INCOME TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
3 IN THE PAST I WORKED 32 HOURS A WEEK, BUT SINCE THEN HOURS
4 HAVE BEEN CUT TO 20 HOURS. I WOULD JUST LIKE FOR THE COUNTY TO
5 RESPECT ITS HARD WORKING EMPLOYEES AND ENSURE OVER WORRYING
6 AND LOSING THEIR JOB IF SUCH AN INCIDENT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM.
7 WE ASK THAT IF THE COUNTY COULD GRANT US SOME PERMANENCY OR
8 PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY FROM JUST BEING A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP EDWARD
11 CALLOWAY. YES.

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13 **ILEANA MEZA:** HI. GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ILEANA MEZA AND I AM A NURSE
15 PRACTITIONER AND I WORK AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER AND
16 I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE AND TALK ABOUT IF WE WANT TO
17 BE PROVIDERS OF CHOICE, WE HAVE TO BE EMPLOYERS OF CHOICE.
18 RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN A VERY PIVOTAL TIME IN OUR HISTORY WHERE
19 MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OR MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS SINCE WE'RE
20 IN CALIFORNIA, CAN ENTER INTO THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. BUT
21 CURRENTLY WE HAVEN AN OVERBURDENED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. AND IF
22 WE WANT TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, SAFE, COST-EFFECTIVE
23 HEALTHCARE, WE HAVE GOT TO INVEST IN OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 NURSES AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSES ARE
25 DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE AND PROVIDING EXCELLENT HEALTHCARE,

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1 QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS. 2015 IS A KEY
2 OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE, FOR THE COUNTY TO DEDICATE RESOURCES
3 TO RETAIN AND TO RECRUIT QUALITY REGISTERED NURSES. CURRENTLY
4 WE ARE RESTRICTED BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS REVOLVING DOOR POLICY
5 WHERE NURSES COME IN JUST TO GET TRAINED, JUST TO BUILD UP
6 THEIR RESUME AND THEN LEAVE. THIS CAUSES THE TAX DOLLARS MONEY
7 WITH HIGH TURNOVERS. AND IT'S EXPENSIVE. IT CAUSES DRAIN ON
8 THE TALENT AND ON THE BRAIN TRUST OF THE DEDICATED NURSES THAT
9 ARE HERE. CURRENTLY OUR PATIENTS IN THE MEDICAL HOMES ARE
10 OVERCAPACITY. SO THE PATIENTS CANNOT GET THEIR TIMELY
11 APPOINTMENTS. AND IT IS VITAL FOR US TO INVEST INTO THE
12 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE JUST DON'T WANT TO SURVIVE, BUT WE WANT
13 TO THRIVE AS BEING PROVIDERS OF CHOICE. AND IF WE'RE GOING TO
14 ENSURE THAT THE PROTECTION, THE PATIENT PROTECTION OF
15 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WORKS FOR EVERY CITIZEN, WE HAVE TO INVEST
16 IN OUR LOS ANGELES NURSES AND OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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20 **ILEANA MEZA:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALINA MEDIZABAL
23 AND SHARON JOHNSON. YES, MA'AM.

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1 **SYLVIA LUMFORD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SYLVIA LUMFORD AND I
2 AM A HEALTH INFORMATION ASSOCIATE ALSO KNOWN AS CODER. AFTER
3 THE DOCTOR DOCUMENTS IN THE MEDICAL RECORD, I TRANSLATE THE
4 COMPLETED MEDICAL RECORD AND CONSTRUCT A NUMERIC PICTURE BY
5 USING I.C.D. -9 OR I.C.D.-10 CODES TO REPRESENT THE ACTUAL
6 EVENTS, DIAGNOSIS, AND OPERATIVE PROCEDURES BY SEQUENCING THEM
7 USING THE NATIONAL CODING GUIDELINES. OUR CODERS ARE GREATLY
8 UNDERSTAFFED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DUE TO THE CURRENT SALARY
9 STRUCTURE. ONCE I.C.V.-10S BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER FIRST OF
10 THIS YEAR WE WILL NEED AN ADDITIONAL 48 PERCENT OF CODERS FROM
11 WHAT WE HAVE TODAY CURRENTLY. OUR CURRENT CLASSIFICATION SPECS
12 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT REFLECTIVE OF TODAY'S CODING
13 ENVIRONMENT. MY COLLEAGUES PERFORM THE SAME JOB SIDE BY SIDE
14 AND ARE NOT PAID THE SAME AMOUNT. STATISTICS BASED ON USED TO
15 JUSTIFY THE CREATION OF NEW MEDICAL SERVICES AND CLINICS
16 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER FIRST WE WILL GO
17 FROM CODING 13,000 DIAGNOSIS TO 68,000. WE'LL GO FROM CODING
18 3,824 PROCEDURES TO 71,924. OUR EXPERIENCED CODERS ARE LEAVING
19 FOR MORE PAY AND GREATER BACKLOG IS EXISTING FOR CODERS TO
20 MANAGE CURRENTLY. WE NEED LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROVIDE
21 SALARIES THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF THE INDUSTRY SALARY LEVELS, A
22 CAREER LADDER FOR CODER PROGRESSION. A DEDICATED TRAINING AND
23 DEVELOPING EDUCATION BUDGET TO ALLOW FOR EXTERNAL CLASSES,
24 CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS AND ALSO CENTRALIZED CODING
25 AUDITORS AND TRAINERS FOR CONSISTENT TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND

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1 COMMUNICATION. HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IS A REVENUE-
2 GENERATING DEPARTMENT, AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT A QUESTION TO HER BUT I THINK OF STAFF. I WAS
7 JUST TALKING TO HILDA, WHEN WE WERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR OUR
8 MEETING WITH THE VARIOUS OFFICES, THEY TALKED ABOUT THE
9 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AVAILABLE AT SOME
10 POINT AS IT RELATES TO THE CODER POSITION, AS IT REFERS TO IT
11 CODERS SO WE MIGHT WANT TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT AS IT RELATES
12 TO THE POSITIONS SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, DIRECTLY RELATED TO WHAT
13 HER TESTIMONY WAS.

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT WAS IN THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. IT'S
16 HUGE.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK THE COUNTY
19 NEEDS TO DO THROUGH THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS IS TO
20 ACTUALLY CONNECT WITH THE GRANTEE. ONE OF THE CAMPUSES HERE,
21 PROBABLY L.A. TRADE OR ONE OF THE OTHERS THAT ACTUALLY GOT
22 MONEY TO DO SOME OF THIS WORK AND WE NEED TO FIND OUT AND
23 COLLABORATE WITH OUR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAM THAT'S NEAR
24 US AND THEN CONNECT THAT AS KIND OF A CAREER PATH SET IN FORTH
25 IN THE COUNTY. I'M SURE IT'S ALSO NEEDED IN OTHER AREAS, AS

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1 WELL. THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO FOLLOW UP. I THINK OUR
2 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PERSON, MR. BIRCHES OR OR JOSIE MARQUEZ
3 NEEDS TO GET ON THIS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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7 **EDWARD CALLAWAY:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORED
8 DISTRICT SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EDWARD CALLAWAY. I WORK FOR
9 ANIMAL CONTROL LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M CURRENTLY WORKING OUT
10 OF LANCASTER-PALMDALE SHELTER AREA. HERE TO TALK TO YOU A
11 LITTLE ABOUT TODAY ABOUT SHORT STAFFING. WE'RE CURRENTLY
12 OPERATING A VERY LARGE AREA OFF OF TWO MORNING OFFICERS AND
13 ONE SWING MID- AFTERNOON OFFICER. OUR RESPONSE TIMES HAVE
14 DROPPED TO EMERGENCY CALLS. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. THERE
15 WAS A CALL THAT I WAS RESPONDING TO IN THE LAKE HUGHES AREA,
16 WHICH IS COVERED BY OUR AREA. THE PALMDALE OFFICER WAS
17 RESPONDING TO A BITE IN THE LITTLE ROCK AREA. HE NEEDED
18 ASSISTANCE BECAUSE IT WAS A 2-ACRE LOT. A MINOR BITE OF THE
19 INDIVIDUAL. MY RESPONSE TIME FOR HIS ASSIST WAS AROUND AN HOUR
20 AND A HALF. THERE IS OTHER CALLS THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH.
21 THERE'S TAKE CALL WHERE WE HAD WHERE A YOUNG BOY HAD DIED AND
22 IN ORDER TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY FOR INVESTIGATING OFFICERS,
23 WE HAD TO REMOVE 12 ENGLISH MASSTIFFS. TWELVE 180-POUND DOGS
24 WITH THREE OFFICERS AND ONE OFFICER HAD TO RUN BACK AND FORTH
25 TO DO EMERGENCY CALLS.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU TRANQUILIZE THE DOGS?

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4 **EDWARD CALLAWAY:** NO. WE CANNOT TRANQUILIZE THEM. WE HAD TO
5 CHASE THEM AROUND THE 4-ACRES WITH OUR RABIES RESTRAINING
6 POLES, OUR CATCH POLES. LIKE I SAY, CURRENTLY, IF WE EVER HAVE
7 ANYBODY SICK OR CAR ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, LIKE WE
8 RECENTLY HAD, WE DROPPED DOWN TO ONE OFFICER FOR THE ENTIRE
9 AREA FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL
10 HELP UP THERE IN LANCASTER AREA IS ONE OF THE SHORTER STAFFED
11 AREAS AND GET SOME MORE PEOPLE TRAINED OUT THERE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL CHECK INTO THAT. THANK
14 YOU.

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16 **EDWARD CALLAWAY:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP YOLANDA FLOYD AND
19 WOODROW BAILEY. YES, MA'AM.

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21 **ALINA MENDIZABAL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ALINA MENDIZABAL
22 AND I'VE BEEN A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT FOR 30 YEARS WORKING
23 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. I LOVE BEING A COUNTY
24 EMPLOYEE HOWEVER, WE HAVE OVER 10,000 EMPLOYEES, L.A. COUNTY,
25 THEY WORK IN CLASSIFICATIONS WITH STARTING SALARIES BELOW \$15

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1 AN HOUR. ANOTHER 4,200 EMPLOYEES OF L.A. COUNTY PROP A
2 CONTRACTORS RECEIVE LESS THAN \$15 AN HOUR. THERE ARE NO
3 SHORTAGE OF STUDIES THAT CONCLUDE THAT IT TAKES AT LEAST \$15
4 TO SUPPORT THE HOUSEHOLD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS A PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYER THE COUNTY SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE BY SETTING
6 APPROPRIATE MINIMUM AND LIVING WAGE STANDARDS, ESTABLISH A 15-
7 PLUS MINIMUM WAGE FOR L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES, COUNTY CONTRACTOR
8 EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I
9 HAVE BEEN DEDICATED FOR 30 YEARS. I HAVE COWORKERS BY MY SIDE
10 THAT ARE IN AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT MAKING LESS THAN \$15 AN
11 HOUR ANSWERING THE PHONES FOR THE LOVED ONES, CLERKS THAT ARE
12 MONITORING THE I.C.U. EQUIPMENT, THAT ARE MAKING LESS THAN \$15
13 AN THEY CAN'T BE HERE. THEY HAVE TO BE AT WORK. AND THEY ALSO
14 HAVE TO BE AT ANOTHER JOB BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR
15 THEIR RENT. AND FOR ALL OF THE THINGS THAT IT TAKES TO BE ABLE
16 TO LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY, THE CITY THAT WE LOVE, AS EMPLOYERS OF
17 CHOICE, WE REALLY ARE I MEAN HOW MANY YEARS WERE WE SO CRAZY?
18 EVERYBODY WANTS TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE IT'S THE BEST
19 PLACE TO BE BUT, PLEASE, WE NEED YOU TO SET THE PRECEDENT.
20 SHOW THE WHOLE NATION. L.A. COUNTY CARES. AND MAKE THE 15-PLUS
21 A REALITY WITH US WORKERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR
22 DEDICATED WORK TO US.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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1 **SHARON JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
2 SHARON JOHNSON. AND I'M THE LIBRARY MANAGER OF THE COMPTON
3 LIBRARY AND I'VE BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 33 YEARS. DURING
4 THAT TIME, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A SUPPORT
5 STAFF OF LIBRARY AIDS AND LIBRARY PAGES. OVERALL A TOTAL OF
6 APPROXIMATELY 900 IN OUR DEPARTMENT. THESE EMPLOYEES ARE THE
7 BACKBONE OF THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE. THEY CHECK OUT
8 MATERIALS, ISSUE LIBRARY CARDS, COLLECT FEES, RETURN LIBRARY
9 MATERIALS TO THE SHELVES AND MANY OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPORT
10 DUTIES TO PROVIDE HELP TO THE FULL-TIME STAFF IN DELIVERING
11 NEEDED SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. SINCE I HAVE BEEN WITH THE
12 DEPARTMENT, THESE JOBS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARY PART-TIME
13 POSITIONS. NOW, THESE ARE WORKERS WHO ARE STRIVING TO BETTER
14 THEMSELVES THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION AND THEY'RE SUPPORTING
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AND SO TODAY WE URGE THE COUNTY TO
16 SUPPORT THESE LOYAL AND DEDICATED EMPLOYEES BY CREATING THEM A
17 VIABLE PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY. I RECENTLY HAD HAD THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A MEETING OF STAFF FROM THE
19 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND EMPLOYEES FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH THE
20 GOAL OF WORKING TOGETHER COOPERATIVELY TO DEVELOP A WORKABLE
21 PLAN WHICH INCLUDES ADDITIONAL PERMANENT POSITIONS IN OUR
22 LIBRARIES. EVERY WORKER DESERVES A LIVABLE WAGE THAT ENABLES
23 THEM TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. MANY OF OUR
24 AIDS AND PAGES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYEES WITH THE LIBRARY UPWARDS OF
25 20, EVEN 30 YEARS. AND DESPITE THEIR DEDICATION AND LOYAL

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1 SERVICE REMAIN IN TEMPORARY STATUS, WHICH DENIES THEM BASIC
2 JOB SECURITY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS. SO WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
3 PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL HELP THAT THE LIBRARIES NEED TO OUR
4 COMMUNITIES BY ALLOCATING THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR ADDITIONAL
5 PERMANENT SUPPORT POSITIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN STUART JACKSON? YES, MA'AM.

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9 **YOLANA FLOYD:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS YOLANDA FLOYD. I'M AN
10 ELIGIBILITY WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. I
11 HAVE BEEN IN THAT POSITION FOR 25 YEARS AT THE SOUTH CONTRAL
12 OFFICE. WE PROVIDE A SAFETY NET FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY. WE HAVE SEEN OUR CASELOADS INCREASE WITH THE
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN
15 THAT ELIGIBILITY WORKERS HAVE BEEN HIRED FOR OUR CALL CENTERS.
16 BUT OUR CASE CARRYING DISTRICTS, WE ARE DROWNING IN CASES. OUR
17 LOBBIES ARE OVERFLOWING. WE ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE
18 CASELOADS THAT WE HAVE. IN THE PAST, OUR CASELOADS WERE HIGH
19 IF WE HAD 600. NOW WE HAVE OVER 2,000 CASES. WE ARE UNABLE TO
20 PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED
21 BODIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TECHNOLOGY IS COMING TO THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. BUT IN THE MEANTIME,
23 WAITING ON THAT TECHNOLOGY, WE ARE DYING IN OUR OFFICES. OUR
24 STAFF CANNOT BE PUSHED TO WORK AT THE PACE THAT WE ARE AND
25 GIVE EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

3

4 **WOODROW BAILY:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS WOODROW BAILEY.

5 I AM A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL

6 SERVICES. I WORK WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE. MY

7 CURRENT ASSIGNMENT IS ONE OF THE S.S.I. ADVOCATES. I HAVE

8 SPENT MY ENTIRE 24-YEAR CAREER AT THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

9 OFFICE. ONE OF THE CHARGES OF THE S.S.I. ADVOCATES IS TO HELP

10 THE GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANTS APPLY FOR THE S.S.I. BENEFITS

11 THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. RECENTLY AS FAR AS THE

12 PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, SOME OF THE ADVOCATES AT THE DISTRICT

13 OFFICES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DO N.S.A. SCREENINGS. AND THAT

14 ACRONYM IS FOR NEEDS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. THAT'S THE GENERAL

15 RELIEF PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, USUALLY

16 THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

17 FACILITIES AND THOSE TYPE OF SCENARIOS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT

18 HAPPENS NIGHT TIMES AND THEY DURING MY CURRENT DAY IS IF I'M

19 WORKING WITH A GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANT TRYING TO DO AN

20 S.S.I. CLAIM, I HAVE TO GET CALLED DOWNSTAIRS FOR AN EMERGENCY

21 SITUATION WITH A GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANT THAT IS SUFFERING

22 THROUGH SOME TYPE OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. NOW WE DO HAVE

23 D.M.H. CLINICIANS, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS

24 THERE BUT THEY ARE ONLY AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE TUESDAY,

25 WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. SO WE'D LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

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1 HIRING MORE D.M.H. CLINICIANS TO BE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES
2 FIVE DAYS A WEEK. SOME OF MY FEDERAL S.S.I. ADVOCATES ARE
3 UNDER SIEGE TO DO THESE TYPE OF SCREENINGS EVERY DAY, MULTIPLE
4 SCREENINGS EVERY DAY. SO IT BECOMES AN ISSUE. AND OUR
5 DEPARTMENT'S MOTTO IS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND CARING
6 SERVICES. THE S.S.I. ADVOCATES SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH G.R.
7 PARTICIPANTS TRYING TO TRANSITION THEM FROM GENERAL RELIEF TO
8 S.S.I. SO WE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER HIRING MORE OF
9 THOSE CLINICIANS TO LET THE STAFF BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CARING
10 AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW MANY ARE IN THE COMMISSION? YOU
13 SAID ONE PERSON?

14

15 **WOODROW BAILY:** IN MY DISTRICT?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
18 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

19

20 **WOODROW BAILY:** IT VARIES. WE HAVE TWO CLINICIANS AT OUR
21 DISTRICT OFFICE THREE DAYS A WEEK. I CAN'T ANSWER FOR THE REST
22 OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES. AT THE LARGER DISTRICT OFFICES LIKE
23 DOWNTOWN, THEY HAVE MULTIPLE CLINICIANS. SO ONE OF THE THINGS
24 WE WOULD HOPE IS THAT D.M.H. CLINICIAN AT EVERY D.P.S.S.
25 OFFICE EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE

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1 COMING IN, THE G.R. PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT DO YOU DO ON THE OTHER TWO DAYS
5 WHEN YOU NEED THEM?

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7 **WOODROW BAILY:** I DEAL WITH THOSE, SIR, AND MY OTHER COWORKERS,
8 IF SOMETHING HAPPENS AND OUR ADMINISTRATORS GET A CALL THE
9 ADMINISTRATION, OR GENERAL RELIEF TASKFORCE CALLS US, THEN I
10 WILL GO DOWN AND ASSESS THAT SITUATION. AND USUALLY WHAT I
11 HAVE TO END UP DOING IS SENDING THEM TO EXODUS, WHICH IS THE
12 NEW KING HOSPITAL URGENT CARE SYSTEM, TRY TO COACH THE
13 INDIVIDUAL OVER THERE AND BRING THE INDIVIDUAL BACK IN THE
14 NEXT DAY HOPEFULLY TO SEE THE D.M.H. CLINICIAN. SO IT'S AN EBB
15 AND FLOW, CASE BY CASE EMERGENCY-TYPE SITUATION ON THOSE
16 PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. AND IT TAKES AWAY IF I AM WORKING WITH
17 A GENERAL RELIEF PARTICIPANT ON S.S.I. CLAIM, I HAVE TO ANSWER
18 THAT CALL BECAUSE THAT INDIVIDUAL IS GOING THROUGH SOME TYPE
19 OF CRISIS. SO CRISIS INTERVENTION IS USUALLY THE WAY TO DEAL
20 WITH THAT SITUATION.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **WOODROW BAILY:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE MR. GREEN, VLEMINTINA VERJAN,
2 AND SUZANNE MCGARRY. MR. GREEN.

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4 **MICHAEL GREEN:** MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS, FIRST OF ALL I WANT
5 TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL THESE
6 CRITICAL ISSUES. WORKING TOGETHER WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN
7 MAKE PROGRESS. AND WE REALIZE THAT IT TAKES ADDITIONAL
8 RESOURCES TO RESOLVE MANY OF THESE ISSUES. AND WE ARE ASKING
9 YOU TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES WHERE YOU CAN. WE KNOW THAT THE
10 COUNTY'S CURRENT LEVEL OF RESOURCES IS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET
11 EVERY SINGLE NEED. THIS IS A LARGE PART DUE TO CALIFORNIA
12 PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WHICH HAS ALLOWED CORPORATIONS TO SHOULDER
13 AN EVER DIMINISHING SHARE OF THE TAX BURDEN. BUT WE URGE YOUR
14 BOARD TO TAKE THE LEAD AND PARTNER WITH LABOR IN ADVOCATING
15 FOR TAX REFORM TO INCREASE REVENUES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES SO
16 THAT WE CAN REALLY MAKE L.A. COUNTY THE PLACE WHERE WE ALL
17 WANT IT TO BE. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT.
20 ALSO DENZELL PERRY. DENZELL PERRY. YES, SIR.

21

22 **STUART JACKSON:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, AND HONORABLE
23 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STUART JACKSON, I'M CONTROLLER FOR THE
24 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. THE LOS ANGELES
25 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY IS A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

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1 CREATED BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CREATED IN 1993
2 TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION. AS PART OF
3 OUR BUDGET REQUEST TO THE COUNTY WE INCLUDE AN AUGMENTATION TO
4 OUR BUDGET AS THE BUDGET CURRENTLY EXISTS WITH LEVEL FUNDING
5 TO LAHSA. I'M ASKING THAT THE BUDGET AUGMENTATION BE ADDED TO
6 THE BUDGET FOR THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITIES.
7 THERE ARE SEVEN BUDGET AUGMENTATION REQUEST ITEMS. THE FIRST
8 IS \$31,250. LAHSA WAS FORTUNATE IN ITS APPLICATION TO HUD FOR
9 CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDING TO RECEIVE TWO NEW GRANTS. ONE IS A
10 PLANNING GRANT FOR \$250,000 THE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS
11 REQUIRE A 25 PERCENT I MATCH. THE \$31,250 WOULD BE THE 25
12 PERCENT MATCH PORTION OF THE AWARD. AN EQUAL AMOUNT HAS BEEN
13 REQUESTED FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE SECOND
14 AUGMENTATION REQUEST IS LAHSA WAS ALSO FORTUNATE IN RECEIVING
15 A \$477,000 GRANT FROM C.O.C. GRANT FROM H.U.D. THAT ALSO
16 REQUIRES A 25 PERCENT MATCH. THE \$59,883 IS THE COUNTY'S SHARE
17 OF THE 25 PERCENT MATCH. AN EQUAL AMOUNT HAS BEEN REQUESTED
18 FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE THIRD AUGMENTATION REQUEST
19 IS \$300,000 FOR LAHSA OPERATIONS THE MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS
20 MIGHT REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A SIMILAR REQUEST THAT WAS MADE
21 LAST YEAR TO THE BOARD. AND WE'RE ASKING FOR THOSE FUNDS THIS
22 YEAR, AS WELL.
23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THAT LIST TO OUR
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND WE'LL PUT THAT IN OUR REPORT TO THE FULL
3 BOARD. THANK YOU. MA'AM.

4

5 **CLEMENTINA VERJAN:** GOOD MORNING. CLEMENTINA VERJAN, I'M THE
6 MANAGER FOR THE POLICY AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT AT LAHSA. I'M
7 JUST TO GIVE YOU A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE RESULTS FOR THE
8 COUNTY AND JUST BASICALLY LAHSA CONDUCTS OUR BI-ANNUAL
9 HOMELESS COUNT. ON MAY 11 WE RELEASED THE RESULTS. THERE WAS A
10 12 PERCENT INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
11 ANGELES FOR A TOTAL OF 44,359 INDIVIDUALS GIVEN AT A POINT IN
12 TIME. THE UNSHELTERED POPULATION 70 PERCENT. FOR EACH OF YOUR
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS
14 INCREASED IN EVERY SINGLE S.D. DISTRICT. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU
15 A TOTAL FOR EACH PERCENT SHARE FOR YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
16 SO IN S.D.1, 25 PERCENT. S.D.2, 34 PERCENT. S.D.3, 21 PERCENT,
17 S.D.4, 8PERCENT AND S.D.5 IS 12 PERCENT. FOR THE HOMELESS
18 SHARE OF THE POPULATION NON-CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS 62 PERCENT.
19 AND BASICALLY WHAT WE WANTED TO SAY WAS THAT THE DEMAND FOR
20 HOMELESS ASSISTANCE HAS INCREASED IN LOS ANGELES AND SEVERAL
21 RECENT STUDIES HAVE CONFIRMED OUR REGION'S HOUSING AND
22 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. THERE ARE VERY DIFFERENT STRATEGIC
23 INITIATIVES IN PROCESS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION AND STUART HAD
24 BASICALLY INDICATED SOME OF THAT FUNDING WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR
25 THOSE WHICH IS THE HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION SYSTEM, THE

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1 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, VETERAN SEARCH TO END VETERAN
2 HOMELESSNESS BY DECEMBER 2015. SO WE HAVE A STRONG
3 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH DIFFERENT GROUPS AND WE HAVE
4 THE TOOLS IN PLACE TO ASSIST US AND WE NEED THE FUNDING TO
5 HELP MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE HOMELESS, HOW MANY WERE BORN OUT
8 OF THE COUNTRY?

9

10 **CLEMENTINA VERJAN:** WE DO NOT COLLECT THAT INFORMATION AS PART
11 OF THAT STUDY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT SO WHEN
14 WE DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH CONGRESS THEY HAVE THAT
15 INFORMATION BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO
16 OUR LOCAL CITIES AND COUNTIES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, BECAUSE OUR DISTRICT HAS SEEN A 25 PERCENT
23 INCREASE THIS LAST YEAR HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THE
24 ISSUES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT? WHAT ARE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL THE SAME STRATEGIES WOULD BE APPLIED BASICALLY
2 BASED ON THE NUMBER AND POPULATION FOR EACH OF THE DISTRICTS.
3 SO DO YOU HAVE MORE HOMELESS FAMILIES? DO YOU HAVE MORE
4 INDIVIDUAL YOUTH? SO IT'S BASICALLY TARGETING THE TOOLS TO
5 HELP EACH OF THE DISTRICTS BASED ON THE RESULTS. SO IF YOU HAD
6 MORE FAMILIES, WE WOULD WORK WITH THE HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION
7 SYSTEM. IF YOU HAVE YOUTH, IT'S ACCORDING TO THE SYSTEM FOR
8 YOUTH.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** IF I COULD ALSO ADDRESS THAT QUESTION, ONE OF OUR
11 AUGMENTATION REQUESTS IS TO AN ADDITIONAL MILLION DOLLARS FOR
12 OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM WHICH PROVIDES OUTREACH THROUGHOUT
13 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WITH THE EMERGENCY
14 E.R.T. TEAMS WE WILL BE ABLE TO TARGET, ENCOUNTER, ENGAGE MORE
15 HOMELESS CLIENTS AND GEAR THEM TOWARDS HOUSING.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** HOW DOES THAT WORK? COULD YOU EXPLAIN? LIKE
18 A RAPID RESPONSE TEAM THAT GOES OUT? WHAT IS IT COMPRISED OF?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** TEAMS CONSIST OF TWO MEMBERS. AND WHAT THEY DO IS
21 THEY BASICALLY ENCOUNTER EACH OF THE HOMELESS CITIZEN AND
22 USUALLY WHAT THEY DO IS THEY HAVE TO BUILD TRUST BEFORE THE
23 CITIZEN WILL ACTUALLY START THE COMMUNICATION PROCESS WITH THE
24 TEAM. AND ONCE THEY BUILD THAT TRUST, THEY'RE ABLE TO ASSESS
25 WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE AND TO THE SYSTEM IN EITHER GETTING INTO

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1 AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, INTO BRIDGE HOUSING OR DIRECTLY INTO
2 HOUSING. OR IF THEY'RE A HOMELESS FAMILY, THEY ARE TRIAGED
3 INTO THE HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION SYSTEM. ONE OF OUR BUDGET
4 AUGMENTATION REQUESTS IS A MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE
5 CENTRALIZED, COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. THE COORDINATED ENTRY
6 SYSTEM IS A SYSTEM THAT'S BEING DEVELOPED FOR SINGLES. ONE OF
7 THE THINGS WE'RE DOING IS TWO YEARS AGO WE STARTED, WE PILOTED
8 THE FAMILY SOLUTIONS SYSTEM, WHICH TURNED INTO THE HOMELESS
9 FAMILY SOLUTION SYSTEM. SO THAT'S A COUNTY-WIDE, CITY, COUNTY,
10 JOINT-FUNDED SYSTEM THAT IS LINKING ALL THE PROVIDERS INTO ONE
11 SYSTEM TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS INTO ENDING HOMELESSNESS
12 FOR FAMILIES. THE C.E.S. SYSTEM IS A SYSTEM THAT WAS PILOTED
13 BY THE HOME FOR GOOD PROGRAM AND THE UNITED WAY COLLABORATIVE
14 TO CREATE A SYSTEM FOR SINGLES.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHAT ABOUT FOR FAMILY HOUSING? BECAUSE I
17 KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF WOMEN WITH CHILDREN. AND THAT'S WHAT
18 I'M SEEING MORE IN MY DISTRICT. AND I'M SEEING THIS BEYOND THE
19 BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY. I'M SEEING THIS IN RIVER BEDS, ALONG
20 FREEWAY UNDERPASSES AND IN WATERSHED AREAS IN THE SAN GABRIEL
21 VALLEY. AND I'M WONDERING CLEARLY WHAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, I
22 GUESS, IS 20 NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS AND THAT IS TWP
23 PEOPLE?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** IT'S 20 PEOPLE, 10 TEAMS.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO THAT'S CLEARLY NOT, IN MY OPINION, NEARLY
3 ENOUGH TO COVER THE COUNTY. BUT I JUST HAVE A CONCERN THAT WE
4 DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE REPLACEMENT IN TERMS OF HOUSING TO MAKE
5 SURE THEY HAVE A PLACE TO GO THAT CAN ACCEPT THEM. THAT'S
6 REALLY I THINK THE HARDEST PART, GETTING VOUCHERS SO THEY CAN
7 STAY IN A MOTEL IF THAT'S NEEDED. BUT ALSO THE FACT THAT WE
8 ONLY HAVE I THINK EMERGENCY SHELTERS OPEN DURING THE WINTER
9 WHEN NOW WE'RE REALLY NEEDING IT YEAR ROUND. AND SOME -- I
10 KNOW I VISITED AN ARMORY IN POMONA NEXT TO ONE OF THE POLICE
11 STATIONS THERE, AND THEY ACTUALLY NOW SERVE BOTH MEN AND
12 WOMEN. THEY SHOWER, THEY EAT. THEY LEAVE DURING THE DAY.
13 THEY'RE ASKED TO LEAVE. AND THEN THEY'LL COME BACK. BUT
14 THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH OUT ON THEIR OWN. AND THERE'S REALLY NO
15 WRAP-AROUND SERVICES THAT CAN HELP THEM BECAUSE MANY OF THEM
16 WILL JUST CONTINUE TO STAY IN THAT CYCLE. SO I'M CONCERNED
17 WITH HOW IS THE MONEY BETTER USED IN THAT WAY AND BETTER SUIT
18 SERVICES TO ADDRESS THEIR WHOLE -- IN A HOLISTIC MANNER ALL OF
19 THEIR NEEDS, AT LEAST TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THAT. I DON'T
20 KNOW THAT WE'RE MAKING THAT CONNECTION IN A WAY THAT REALLY
21 LEADS US TO THINK DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HOW WE DEAL WITH HOMELESS
22 INDIVIDUALS, THEIR FAMILIES ESPECIALLY BECAUSE MANY SHELTERS,
23 I UNDERSTAND, WON'T ACCEPT CHILDREN IF THEY ARE AGED OUT.
24 THEY'RE OVER -- SAY A MOTHER HAS THREE CHILDREN AND ONE
25 HAPPENS TO BE 13 YEARS OLD, THEY WON'T ALLOW THAT CHILD TO

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1 STAY IN THE SAME FACILITY WITH THE PARENT AND THE OTHER
2 SIBLINGS. AND THAT, TO ME, DOESN'T HELP TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS
3 FOR KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** SO THERE ARE A COUPLE NEW RESOURCES COMING ON BOARD.
6 ON JANUARY 2015, THE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY WON \$10 MILLION
7 FOR 550 UNITS FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR CHRONICALLY
8 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHICH INCLUDES ALSO FAMILIES. IN THE
9 SPRING 2015 THE CITY AND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES RECEIVED
10 588 VASH VOUCHERS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** WHAT'S THE WAITING LIST FOR THOSE VOUCHERS?
13 I'VE HEARD FROM SOME OF MY CITIES AND SOME OF MY
14 ORGANIZATIONS, THEY SAY AS SOON AS THEY ARE IN, THEY ARE OUT.
15 THEY DON'T HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF VOUCHERS AND IT DEPENDS
16 ON WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. IT MAY NOT BE IN THE SAME CITY. SO
17 IT CREATES A PROBLEM FOR PEOPLE TO SAY IF THERE IS A VOUCHER
18 AVAILABLE IN MAYBE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUT THE NEAREST PLACE TO
19 GET HOUSING IS OVER IN LONG BEACH, HOW DOES THAT PERSON GET
20 THERE IF THEY'RE HOMELESS?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK YOU GOT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.
23 UNFORTUNATELY, I THINK LAHSA AT TIMES TRIES TO DO ONE SIZE
24 FIGHTS ALL. IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. WE'VE HAD A VERY
25 AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM IN THE LONG BEACH AREA WITH THE COUNTY AND

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1 THE CITY IN A TRANSITION PIECE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION. AND
2 THEN THE DAILY PART ON WHETHER IT'S A JOB SEARCH OR OTHER
3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES SO IT'S NOT A WAREHOUSING
4 SITUATION. IT'S SORT OF LIKE A RESOURCE CENTER. AND WE'VE HAD
5 THE COOPERATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AS WELL AS THE CITY OF
6 LONG BEACH AND OUR HOUSING FOLKS. AND IT'S REALLY HAD AN
7 IMPACT I MEAN I'M SURE MY NUMBERS WOULD BE A LOT HIGHER WERE
8 IT NOT FOR THE SUCCESS WE HAD IN THE LONG BEACH AREA BOTH WITH
9 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS PARTICULARLY VETERANS.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** I GUESS IT'S UNEVEN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU REALLY GOT TO HAVE THE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES
14 AND SORT OF DESIGN IT TO THE AREA.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, CLEARLY WE'LL NEED SOME ORGANIZATION IN MY
17 DISTRICT TO HELP BECAUSE THIS NUMBER HAS SUFFICIENTLY GROWN BY
18 25 PERCENT SINCE THE LAST COUNT. SO THAT'S VERY TROUBLING TO
19 ME.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** SO ONE OF THE ITEMS WE'RE REQUESTING HOUSING FOR IS
22 CALLED BRIDGE HOUSING. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE AND
23 YOU'VE MENTIONED IS WHEN WE'VE ENGAGED WITH A CHRONICALLY
24 HOMELESS PERSON, IF THEY'RE NOT-- THE C.E.S. SYSTEM SYSTEM
25 WILL IDENTIFY AND PRIORITIZE HOUSING TO THE MOST CRITICAL AND

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1 MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS CLIENTS. THOSE ARE ALSO THE HEAVY
2 USERS OF PUBLIC RESOURCES EITHER E.N.T. TRANSPORTATION,
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, D.M.H. AND THEY'VE BEEN -- THEY
4 WERE IDENTIFIED AND MATCHED TO HOUSING TO THE VOUCHERS THAT
5 ARE AVAILABLE IN THEIR AREA. WHAT BRIDGE HOUSING ALLOWS US TO
6 DO IS PROVIDE THEM WITH A 24-HOUR SHELTER BED, NOT THE
7 OVERNIGHT SHELTER BAD THAT IS THE TYPICAL EMERGENCY SHELTER
8 SYSTEM. BUT 24 HOUR SHELTER BEDS. THAT WAY ONCE THE HOUSING IS
9 ACTUALLY READY FOR THEM TO MOVE IN, THEY CAN BE LOCATED AND
10 MOVED INTO HOUSING AND WE DON'T HAVE TO FIND THEM OUT ON THE
11 STREET AGAIN WHERE THEY'RE LOCATING. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE
12 THINGS THAT WE'RE CREATING WITH THE C.E.S. SYSTEM TO ADDRESS
13 ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT YOU IDENTIFIED.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE QUESTION. WE INSTITUTE A PROGRAM
18 INITIATED M.T.A. AND WE FIND THAT WHEN THE HOMELESS ARE ON THE
19 BUS BENCH, THEY REPORT THAT. AND A PET TEAM WILL GO OUT. BUT
20 ABOUT 90 PERCENT OR MORE REFUSE SHELTER AND WALK AWAY. WHETHER
21 IT'S RAIN OR SHINE AND THAT'S A PROBLEM DO YOU ALSO HAVE A
22 STATISTIC OF THOSE THAT YOU ENCOUNTER THAT ARE SUBSTANCE
23 ABUSERS THAT HAVE MENTAL HEALTH?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES AND ACTUALLY I BROUGHT COPIES FOR THE COUNTY
2 STAFF AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S 30 PERCENT WHO ARE
3 CHRONIC MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. THERE WAS DEFINITELY AN INCREASE
4 IN OUR ALSO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES,
5 VETERANS ACTUALLY ENDED UP REMAINING FLAT. PEOPLE WHO HAVE
6 SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES ACTUALLY DECREASED AND I THINK THE MAIN
7 ISSUE TO REALLY TALK ABOUT IS THAT DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS BACK
8 TO A POINT THAT WAS MADE ABOUT INDIVIDUALS NOT WANTING
9 ASSISTANCE IS WE HAVE TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHY AND IN STAFF
10 BECAUSE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR THERE MAY BE VETERANS
11 WHO ARE KIND OF DONE WITH THE SYSTEM OR IS IT THAT THEY'VE HAD
12 A BAD EXPERIENCE IN ONE OF THE SHELTERS TO IT'S NOT JUST THE
13 REASONS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS POPULATION, BUT WHY IS
14 IT THE REASON THAT THEY ACTUALLY DO NOT WANT TO BE GOING TO A
15 SHELTER?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND ALSO ONE STOPS [INAUDIBLE]
18 PATRIOTIC HALL FOR VETERANS WILL HELP THEM WITH SHELTER AND
19 WRAP AROUND SERVICES SO REFERRING THEM TO PATRIOTIC HALL WILL
20 ASSIST THE VETERANS. BUT THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARY
21 HEWITT AND RUTH SCHWARTZ. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **SUSANNE MCGARRY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. MY NAME
24 IS SUZANNE SHEPHERD MCGARRY AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING B.C.M.
25 AND PACIFIC YOUTH FOUNDATIONS WHO ALONG WITH OUR ORIGINATING

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1 FOUNDATION MCKAY FOUNDATION, HAS INVESTED OVER \$45 MILLION TO
2 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WE WANT TO INVITE
3 THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER A LINE ITEM SUPPORT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
4 CLUBS IN THE COUNTY BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT IT IS SUCH AN
5 INVESTMENT IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
6 CITIZENS FOR 21ST CENTURY LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

9

10 **DENZELL PERRY:** GOOD MORNING, HOW ARE YOU GUYS ALL DOING THIS
11 MORNING?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PRETTY WELL.

14

15 **DENZELL PERRY:** MY NAME IS DENZELL PERRY, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
16 TEEN SERVICES AT CHALLENGES BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND ALSO I HAD
17 THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ALONG WITH MULTIPLE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
18 AS WELL AS GREW UP IN A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SYSTEM. WHAT IF I
19 TOLD YOU THAT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB HAS GOTTEN ME TO A PLACE
20 IN LIFE WHERE I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE? WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?
21 WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT FOUR OUT OF FIVE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS
22 DIED BEFORE EVER EXPERIENCED LIFE BUT I'M NOT THERE FOR A
23 REASON. WOULD YOU JUDGE ME? WHAT IF YOU SAY MY BIGGEST SINS
24 BECAME MY BIGGEST TESTIMONIES? WOULD YOU APPRECIATE THEM. WHAT
25 IF I SAID MY COUSIN KILLED MY BROTHER WOULD YOU THINK BLOOD IS

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1 THICKER THAN WATER OR WOULD YOU [INAUDIBLE] MY PAIN? WHAT IF I
2 TOLD YOU MY BEST FRIEND DIED THE DAY BEFORE MY BIRTHDAY, WOULD
3 YOU SEE MY PAIN OR WOULD YOU UNDERSTAND MY REALITY? WHAT IF I
4 ALSO TELL YOU I WAS WITNESS TO POLICE BRUTALITY. WHAT DO YOU
5 THINK MY VIEWS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE? AND WOULD YOU TRULY
6 BELIEVE THIS SAME KID FROM WATTS IS ON HIS PATH TO BECOMING A
7 JUDGE? GROWING UP IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO
8 SUCCESS AND ALSO WITH A SPEECH IMPEDIMENT HAS BEEN
9 CHALLENGING. BUT BEING PROVIDED WITH A BLUE PRINT OF SUCCESS
10 FROM MY LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AS WELL AS THE MULTIPLE BOYS
11 AND GIRLS CLUBS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MADE A BIG
12 DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE AND PROVIDED A POSITIVE PLACE TO GROW
13 AND LEARN. B.G.C.A. TOOK A KID FROM WATTS AND SHOWED HIM HE
14 COULD ONE DAY BECOME A JUDGE. NOT ONLY DID IT KEEP ME OFF THE
15 STREETS, OUT OF GANGS AND AWAY FROM DRUGS BUT IT MOTIVATED ME
16 FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS. NOW I'M
17 A THIRD YEAR JUNIOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVIN
18 WHERE I MAJOR IN CIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY AND MINOR IN
19 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT EDUCATION WITH THE HIGH HOPES OF ONE DAY
20 BECOMING A JUDGE. IN ADDITION I'M WORKING AT A LOCAL BOYS &
21 GIRLS CLUB AS DIRECTOR OF TEEN SERVICES. NOW THERE'S AN
22 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
23 NOT ONLY MY LIFE BUT THE 140,000 YOUTH THAT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
24 OF L.A. COUNTY SERVES. THERE ARE MANY YOUTH IN L.A. THAT NEED
25 OUR HELP. WE'RE LOOKING AT WAYS TO MAKE DIFFERENCES IN THEIR

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1 LIVES. I'VE BEEN HONORED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA IN MAKING CHANGES
2 IN DIFFERENT CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BECAUSE THE UNITED WAY DOES
5 NOT GIVE MONEY TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NOW WE ALLOW COUNTY
6 EMPLOYEES TO DONATE IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOYS &
7 GIRLS CLUB BECAUSE THEY'VE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB, AS THEY'VE
8 DONE WITH YOU AND OTHERS I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS AND
9 GIRLS CLUBS IN MY DISTRICT AND I KNOW HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED
10 LIVES FOR THE BETTER. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND ON YOUR FUTURE
11 GRADUATION AT U.C. IRVINE AND JUDICIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY, THANK YOU.

14

15 **RUTH SCHWARTZ:** HI, GOOD MORNING RUTH SCHWARTZ SHELTER
16 PARTNERSHIP. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT HOMELESS FAMILIES AND A
17 SYSTEM THAT YOU CREATED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, THE HOMELESS
18 FAMILY SOLUTION SYSTEM, IT'S A NEW EVIDENCE-BASED MODEL THAT
19 EMPLOYS RAPID REHOUSING AND COORDINATES AND ASSESSES AND
20 TRIAGES HOMELESS FAMILIES, PROVIDING THEM WITH SUPPORTIVE
21 SERVICES AND FINANCIAL, MEDIUM- TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO
22 GET BACK INTO HOUSING. ALIGNED WITH THIS SYSTEM IS THE FIRST
23 FIVE L.A. COMMISSION'S RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH YOU MAY
24 NOT BE AWARE OF. IT'S ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNTY COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND IT PROVIDED MORE THAN 1,100

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1 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN THAT ARE ZERO TO FIVE WITH PERMANENCY,
2 PERMANENT HOUSING THROUGH THE SAME MODEL. IT'S ALIGNED WITH
3 THE H.F.S.S. SYSTEM. I'D LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT
4 THE FIRST FIVE L.A.'S COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN DOES NOT
5 ENVISION CONTINUED FUNDING THEREBY CREATING A SIGNIFICANT GAP
6 IN THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THAT CAN BE SERVED. AND I'D ASK FOR
7 YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EITHER REQUESTING THAT FIRST FIVE CONTINUE
8 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM, OR FOR
9 YOUR HELP IN IDENTIFYING OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO ADDRESS
10 THIS FUNDING GAP THAT'S GOING TO BE CREATED IN THIS CALENDAR
11 YEAR. WE JUST TALKED ABOUT HOMELESS FAMILIES. IF WE DON'T HAVE
12 THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO PERMANENTLY REHOUSE THEM, YOU WILL
13 SEE MORE HOMELESS FAMILIES THAN WE ALREADY ARE SEEING IN CARS
14 AND SHELTERS AND THE LIKE. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S NOT THE
15 SOLUTION WE WANT. WE'D LIKE FIRST FIVE TO CONTINUE TO EMBRACE
16 THIS PROGRAM. BE PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AND CONTINUE TO
17 ASSIST HOMELESS FAMILIES. THE MAJORITY OF HOMELESS FAMILIES
18 HAVE CHILDREN 0 TO 5.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP SHEILA
21 PINKLE. MAXWELL MORRISON. RALPH ULIBARRI. YES, YOU'RE ON.

22
23 **MARY HEWITT:** THANK YOU. HI, MY NAME IS MARY HEWITT, I'M THE
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR BOYS
25 AND GIRLS CLUBS. WE HAVE 27 CLUBS IN L.A. COUNTY SERVING OVER

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1 140,000 KIDS AGES 6 TO 18. 80 PERCENT OF OUR YOUTH ARE
2 MINORITY AND UNDERSERVED. AND WE AS THE ALLIANCE WERE FORMED
3 IN 2000 TO CREATE A MONOLITHIC VOICE FOR THE 27 CLUBS. SO WE
4 GO FOR FUNDRAISING AND MARKETING AND VISIBILITY AND MAKING
5 SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE IMPACT THAT WE'RE HAVING
6 POSITIVELY IN THE L.A. COMMUNITIES. SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR A
7 LINE ITEM IN YOUR BUDGET SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR
8 CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER THE COURSE OF THE ENSUING YEARS. WE
9 BELIEVE THIS OUR PROGRAMS ARE IN DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH YOUR
10 GOALS, WHICH ARE JUVENILE PREVENTION. AND WE HAVE GREAT
11 PROGRAMS ON GANG REDUCTION AND FOSTER YOUTH, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL
12 LEARNING, PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THINGS
13 LIKE THAT, BRIDGING MINORITIES AND AUTHORITIES. AND THESE ARE
14 THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT WE KNOW WORK. WE HAVE METRICS AND
15 WE WOULD LOVE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFICALLY IN THE SPECIFIC
16 DISTRICTS THOSE COMMUNITIES WITH THE HIGHEST DROPOUT RATES
17 WHERE WE CAN BE OF BEST SERVICE AND IMPLEMENT THESE PROGRAMS
18 AND THEN SHOW YOU THE RESULTS. SO WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO
19 CONTINUING A CONVERSATION. AND ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE
20 YOU WITH IS THAT FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN THE BOYS AND GIRLS'
21 CLUBS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERATES, WHAT? \$16.42 OF
22 POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS A
23 TREMENDOUS RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT OF A VITAL ROLE THE CLUBS
24 PLAY IN SHAPING LIVES IN THE FUTURE OF THE CLUBS' MEMBERS AND
25 THEIR FAMILIES. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE US YOUR UTMOST

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1 CONSIDERATION WHEN WE LATER PROVIDE OUR PROPOSAL FOR THIS
2 FUNDING WITH SPECIFIC ASKS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR L.A.
3 COMMUNITY IS FULL OF KIDS WITH POSITIVE FUTURES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP YOLANDA
6 WRIGHT. YOLANDA WRIGHT. YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **SHEILA PINKLE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHEILA
9 PINKLE, I'M WITH CURB AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. THE CURRENT PLAN
10 FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL ALLOCATES 70 PERCENT OF THE 5,000 NEWLY
11 CONSTRUCTED BEDS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL PROBLEMS; HOWEVER,
12 SHERIFFS ARE TRAINED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, NOT AS MENTAL HEALTH
13 PROFESSIONALS. THE COUNTY CANNOT GIVE A CRASH COURSE IN MENTAL
14 HEALTHCARE AND BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.
15 BUILDING THIS FACILITY WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF BEDS FOR THE
16 MENTALLY ILL WILL ONLY NEEDLESSLY PERPETUATE THE INCARCERATION
17 OF PEOPLE WHO NEED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL
18 HEALTHCARE, PROFESSIONALS IN FACILITIES IN ORDER TO HEAL. THE
19 ORIGINAL MANDATE FOR A.B.109 FUNDING WAS FOR EITHER
20 INCARCERATION OR REHABILITATION. SINCE THE START OF A.B.109
21 FUNDING, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH THE
22 CONSENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HAS
23 APPROPRIATED THE LION'S SHARE OF THE A.B.109 ALLOCATION.
24 HOWEVER, THIS FUNDING IS MANDATED TO BE USED EITHER FOR
25 INCARCERATION OR REHABILITATION. COUNTIES LIKE SANTA CLARA AND

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1 ALAMEDA HAVE CHOSEN THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE. THEIR COUNTY BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS CHOSE TO USE ALL OF THEIR 109 ALLOCATIONS FOR
3 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMMING IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR A.B.109,
4 THE SHARE OF 109 FUNDS FOR DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY-BASED
5 SOLUTIONS NEEDS TO BE GREATLY INCREASED AND THE FUNDS FOR THE
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEED TO BE REDUCED SO THAT L.A. COUNTY
7 CAN CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF THIS SYSTEM FROM INCARCERATION TO
8 REHABILITATION. GIVEN THE PASSAGE OF PROP 47, REDUCTION OF
9 1,000 BEDS IN L.A. JAILS AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF DIVERSION
10 RATHER THAN INCARCERATION, A MUCH SCALED BACK VERSION OF MEN'S
11 CENTRAL JAIL NEEDS TO BE CREATED AND ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR
12 COMMUNITY BASED WILL HELP SERVICES AND FACILITIES NEED TO BE
13 ALLOCATED.

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LAVERNE
16 ANDERSON. YOU'RE NEXT.

17
18 **MAXWELL MORRISON:** HI, I AM MAXWELL MORRISON. I AM A FIVE-YEAR
19 GUY THAT WAS IN JAIL FOR FIVE YEARS. I AM NOW IN A PROGRAM
20 CALLED PATHWAYS. THEY HAVE GIVEN ME BIG OPPORTUNITIES TO HOUSE
21 ME, FEED ME, GIVE ME THINGS THAT I NEED, FOOD, CLOTHES,
22 ESSENTIALS WHATEVER I NEED. IT WAS EITHER GO THROUGH TRANSIENT
23 OR GO THROUGH HERE. AND PROBATION HAS NOT GIVEN THE FUNDS FOR
24 MY FIRST TWO MONTHS' RENT. THEY GAVE ME A THREE-DAY NOTICE TO
25 EITHER HAVE PROBATION PAY OR I WILL BE KICKED OUT BECAUSE OF

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1 PROBATION NOT PAYING MY RENT. WE HAD TO GO TO COURT, AND THE
2 JUDGE HAD TO GIVE A COURT ORDER FOR PROBATION TO PAY \$1,100
3 PLUS 90 DAYS. IF IT WASN'T FOR PATHWAYS TO GIVE ME THE SUPPORT
4 AND THE NEED THAT I NEED TO BE GOING THROUGH, I WOULDN'T BE
5 GOING THROUGH HERE TALKING TO YOU GUYS. I'M TAKING COLLEGE.
6 I'M DOING ENGLISH 801 AND I'M TAKING PUBLIC SPEAKING. SO THIS
7 IS GOOD PRACTICE FOR ME. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT TO GET
8 THE POINT ACROSS THAT PROBATION HAS ALL THIS FUNDS AND THEY'RE
9 NOT USING IT PROPERLY. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE NEXT GUYS
10 WHO COME OUT OF Y.A. OUT OF JAIL WHO WERE ON PROBATION HAVE
11 THE SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED BY NOT WORRYING ABOUT RENT AND
12 STUFF LIKE THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAS YOUR ISSUE BEEN RESOLVED WITH
15 PROBATION?

16

17 **MAXWELL MORRISON:** YES. BECAUSE I'D HAVE PROBATION TALK TO YOU
18 NOW IF IT WASN'T.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **MAXWELL MORRISON:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** KIMBERY YVONNE.

2

3 **RALPH ULIBARRI:** MY NAME IS RALPH ULIBARRI, I'M THE ASSOCIATE
4 DIRECTOR OF PATHWAYS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IN LONG BEACH AND
5 TORRANCE. WE HOUSE OVER 400 PEOPLE THAT ARE ON PAROLE AND
6 PROBATION, MEN AND WOMEN WHERE WE TAKE THEM DIRECTLY OFF THE
7 STREETS AND HOUSE THEM. I'VE HEARD A LOT OF CONCERNS FROM MS.
8 SOLIS ABOUT YOUR AREA. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TO TRY TO BUILD
9 HOUSING IN THE AREA BUT WITHOUT THE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY AND
10 FROM PROBATION IT'S VERY HARD. GETTING MONEY OUT OF L.A.
11 COUNTY PROBATION IS VERY HARD. WHEN WE TRIED TO GET A CONTRACT
12 WITH THEM THEY MADE IT ALMOST NEXT TO DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET
13 ANY TYPE OF FUNDING FOR PROBATION. OUR ORGANIZATION IS A
14 PRIVATELY FUNDED ORGANIZATION WITH OVER 400 PEOPLE THAT WE
15 HOUSE BEDS FOR WITH 58 HOUSES. WE HELP MEN AND WELL, GET THEM
16 JOBS, CLOTHES AND FOOD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I'LL HAVE HIM MEET WITH OUR STAFF OVER
19 HERE. THIS REALLY ISN'T RELATED TO THE BUDGET BUT I'LL SEE IF
20 WE COULD GET THEIR PROBLEM RESOLVED, OKAY? IF YOU DON'T MIND?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GO OVER THERE, HIS DEPUTY WILL TALK TO
23 YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL SEE IF WE COULD HELP YOU OUT. YOU GUYS DO A
2 GOOD JOB.

3

4 **RALPH ULIBARRI:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JONATHAN PEREZ.
7 YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **YOLANDA WRIGHT:** I'M YOLANDA WRIGHT. I WORK FOR THE LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY LIBRARY. I'M A LIBRARY AIDE. I'VE WORKED THERE FOR
11 EIGHT YEARS. I'M HERE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE TRULY, TRULY NEED
12 TO HAVE FULL-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES. THE AIDS AND PAGES ARE
13 THE HUB OF THE LIBRARY. AND WE ARE DEDICATED WORKERS. EVERY
14 YEAR WE ARE ASKED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT OF THAT TEMPORARY WORK,
15 WHICH MEANS WE CAN BE FIRED FOR NO REASON AT ALL. WE TRULY,
16 TRULY NEED SECURITY FOR PATHWAY TO PERMANENCY. ALSO, WE NEED
17 FROM 20 HOURS BACK TO THE 32 IF POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 TIME AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP BRIAN
21 KANEDA. AND EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **LAVERNE ANDERSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
24 LAVERNE ANDERSON AND I AM A G.R. RECIPIENT WHO RECENTLY GOT
25 APPROVED FOR S.S.I. BECAUSE OF MY COUNTY ADVOCATE, MISS ROSA

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1 HERNANDEZ SHE HAS BEEN VERY DEDICATED, COMMITTED AND HELPFUL.
2 I WAS IN PRISON FOR 24 YEARS. HOMELESS, A DRUG ADDICT, EATING
3 OUT OF TRASH CANS AND NO HOPE. AND THIS LADY CAME INTO MY LIFE
4 AND SHE HELPED ME CHANGE MYSELF. AND SHE BELIEVED IN ME WHEN I
5 DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MYSELF. AND SHE HELPED ME GET OFF DRUGS AND
6 I'VE BEEN OFF DRUGS FOR ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS AS A DIRECT RESULT
7 OF THIS LADY HAVING CONFIDENCE IN ME AND PUSHING ME AND
8 CHALLENGING ME TO BE THE BEST ME THAT I COULD BE. WHEN I FIRST
9 CAME HOME, I WAS AFRAID. I DON'T KNOW NOTHING BUT PRISON
10 BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I'VE BEEN FOR 24 YEARS. AND SO NOW I HAVE
11 MY S.S.I., AND SHE'S EVEN GOING A STEP FURTHER TRYING TO HELP
12 ME FIND HOUSING BECAUSE OF MY MENTAL STATE. IT'S NOT EASY FOR
13 ME TO DO THINGS ON MY OWN. BUT I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO PLEASE
14 SUPPORT ANYTHING, HELP HER GET MORE RESOURCES AND MORE SOCIAL
15 WORKERS LIKE HER. SHE IS TRULY A BLESSING IN MY LIFE. YOU GUYS
16 CAN DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO HELP THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO DO WHAT
17 THEY'RE DOING FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME THAT HAD NO HOPE, EATING OUT
18 OF TRASH CANS AND LIVING IN ALLEYS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR
21 BEING DRUG FREE. WE'RE PROUD OF YOU. WE KNOW YOU CAN CONTINUE
22 DOING THAT. GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO, MARC-ANTHONY
23 JOHNSON. MARC-ANTHONY JOHNSON. YES, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **KIM EVON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KIM EVON AND
2 I'M PROUD TO SERVE AS A SECRETARY-TREASURER OF S.E.I.U. UNITED
3 LONG TERM CARE WORKERS. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF 140,000
4 L.A. COUNTY HOME CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ASKING YOU TO PROVIDE
5 THE LEADERSHIP NECESSARY IN THIS MOMENT TO BEGIN ELIMINATING
6 THE BLIGHT OF POVERTY THAT THEY LIVE IN IN OUR COMMUNITIES.
7 TODAY L.A. COUNTY I.H.S. PROVIDERS ARE A 9.65 AN HOUR. AND AS
8 YOU ALL KNOW, THEY RECEIVE NO SICK LEAVE, NO VACATION TIME AND
9 NO RETIREMENT. WHILE THEY CARE FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE
10 RESIDENTS, SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THEY, TOO,
11 ARE VULNERABLE BY VIRTUE OF THE LOW WAGES THEY EARN. AS A
12 RESULT OF EARNING 9.65 AN HOUR, 81 PERCENT OF HOME CARE
13 WORKERS ARE LIVING IN POVERTY. 33 PERCENT RELY ON PUBLIC
14 ASSISTANCE EVERY MONTH TO GET BY. 18 PERCENT RELY ON CALFRESH
15 TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. AND OVER HALF ARE LESS THAN A PAYCHECK
16 AWAY OF BEING WITHOUT A HOME. THIS HAS GOT TO CHANGE.
17 ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL, VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY AGREE. OVER
18 70 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY VOTERS POLLED SUPPORT PAYING
19 I.H.S.S. WORKERS 15 AN HOUR AND OVER 80 PERCENT FELT HOME CARE
20 PROVIDERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO RELY ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR
21 BASIC NECESSITIES IN LIFE. SIMPLY PUT, L.A. COUNTY VOTERS
22 AGREE WE CANNOT SURVIVE ON 9.65. AND WE KNOW WHEN YOU LIFT
23 HOME CARE WORKERS OUT OF POVERTY, YOU'RE NOT ONLY IMPROVING
24 THE LIVES OF 140,000 CAREGIVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BUT YOU ARE
25 BETTERING OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO A

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1 STUDY COMPLETED BY BEACON ECONOMICS, L.A. COUNTY PROVIDERS ON
2 A PATH TO 15 WOULD CREATE OVER 6,000 FULL-TIME JOBS AND
3 STIMULATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY BY MORE THAN \$700 MILLION A YEAR.
4 PUTTING PROVIDERS ON A PATH TO 15 IS A WIN/WIN. WE WILL LIFT
5 UP WORKERS, MAKING THEM LESS RELIANT ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE,
6 BRING DIGNITY TO THE WORK AND STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES
7 THROUGH CREATING NEW JOBS AND INCREASING TAX REVENUES. WE ASK
8 AS YOU PLAN THE COUNTY BUDGET THAT YOU EXERCISE THE LEADERSHIP
9 NEEDED TO ALLOCATE MONIES NECESSARY TO PUT THE WORKERS ON THE
10 PATH TO 15. SHOW THEIR WAGE BETTER REFLECTS THE VALUE OF THE
11 WORK THEY DO, A WAGE THAT L.A. COUNTY VOTERS SUPPORT, AND A
12 WAGE THAT MAKES A STATEMENT THAT THE LEADERSHIP WILL NOT
13 TOLERATE POVERTY EXISTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. REVEREND NORA JACOBS. YES,
16 SIR.

17

18 **JONATHAN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JONATHAN, I'M A STATE-WIDE
19 COORDINATOR FOR THE IMMIGRANT YOUTH COALITION. WE'RE STATEWIDE
20 UNDOCUMENTED AND L.G.B.T.Q.-LED ORGANIZATION. I'M HERE TO
21 ADDRESS A REFERENCE TO \$12 MILLION FOR ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET
22 FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. AND AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, AS WE
23 SAW YESTERDAY, YOU VOTED, OR THE BOARD VOTED AGAINST THE 287-G
24 AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE. AND SO BUT CONTINUING WITH THE
25 PRIORITY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM SO THIS PROGRAM IS REALLY

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1 ALARMING FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE IT
2 OUTLINES SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES: GANG MEMBERS, PEOPLE WITH PAST
3 CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FOR DEPORTATION. SO WE REALLY NEED TO SEE
4 THAT THESE INSTITUTIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE STILL FUNCTIONING
5 AS INSTITUTIONALLY RACIST ENTITIES. YOU SEE IT ON THE STREET.
6 THESE PROGRAMS RELY ON RACIAL PROFILING IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR
7 QUOTAS. ALTHOUGH THEY SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT DEPORTING
8 FAMILIES, THERE'S STILL 34,000 BED SPACE QUOTA MANDATED BY
9 CONGRESS IF PEOPLE NEED TO BE DETAINED AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
10 THERE'S ALSO 400,000 PEOPLE THAT D.H.S. PRIORITIZED FOR
11 DEPORTATION A YEAR. AND SO THESE QUOTAS IN ORDER TO MEET THIS,
12 YOU NEED RACIAL PROFILING WHERE WILL YOU FIND QUOTE UNQUOTE
13 "GANG MEMBERS" PEOPLE WITH PAST CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ARE
14 COMMUNITIES. SO PART OF THAT IS ALSO ELIMINATING THAT PROGRAM.
15 AND IT'S NO COINCIDENCE WHY BLACK IMMIGRANTS HERE IN THE
16 UNITED STATES ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE DEPORTED. OUT
17 OF 1 IN 500 DETAINEES, 1 IN 500 DETAINEES ARE TRANSGENDER
18 IMMIGRANTS AND 1 IN 5 OF THOSE, 1 IN 5 VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ARE
19 TRANSGENDER. SO THESE INSTITUTIONS CONTINUE THESE OPPRESSIONS,
20 CONTINUE INSTITUTIONAL RACISM. SO WE NEED TO STOP ANY
21 COLLABORATION WITH IMMIGRATION.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

24
25 **JONATHAN:** AS WE SAW ON APRIL 28TH ICE ALSO KILLED A BLACK MAN.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL
3 UP SHANNON SOPER. YES, MA'AM. OR YES, SIR. OKAY.

4

5 **BRIAN KANEDA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
6 BRIAN KANEDA AND I WANTED TO SAY THAT INCARCERATION IS IN
7 ACTUALITY A HUGE BUDGET ISSUE AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO
8 BE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF BUDGET AND FUNDING. I'VE BEEN WORKING
9 WITH CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS 18 MONTHS,
10 PRIMARILY AT C.I.W. PRISON IN CORONA. IN MY SHORT TIME DOING
11 ADVOCACY WORK, I HAVE LEARNED OF NO FEWER THAN A DOZEN DEATHS
12 DUE TO EXTREME NEGLECT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OR MENTAL HEALTH
13 SERVICES OR SUICIDES WHICH HAVE BEEN THE DIRECT RESULT OF THIS
14 NEGLECT AND THE STRESS RELATED TO IT. THIS IS A CRISIS.
15 INSTITUTIONS LIKE JAIL AND PRISON ARE NOT AND WILL NEVER BE
16 ADEQUATE PLACES TO TREAT MENTAL ILLNESS. WE DON'T NEED MORE
17 CUSTODIAL DEPUTIES TO ADDRESS. WE NEED INVESTMENT IN OUT OF
18 CUSTODY PROGRAMS WHERE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HAVE
19 ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE BEFORE THEY ARE INCARCERATED
20 AND BECOME VICTIMS OF VIOLENT INSTITUTIONS LIKE JAIL AND
21 PRISON. AND I HAVE TO SAY TODAY'S HEARING, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE
22 TALK ABOUT ALL OF THESE COMMUNITY ISSUES, I THINK IT'S A MORAL
23 IMPERATIVE THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING
24 AND SERVICES AND NOT ADDING MONEY TO PRISON INDUSTRIAL
25 COMPLEX. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP RAY
3 LEWIS. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **EUNICE HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS EUNICE
6 HERNANDEZ AND I WORK FOR DRUG POLICY ALIANCE AN AMITY
7 FOUNDATION. MANY OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND I ARE HERE TO DEMAND
8 SEVERAL THINGS OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROCESS. THESE
9 STIPULATIONS ARE TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS.
10 SPECIFICALLY THE WOMEN'S JAIL PLAN THAT IS PROPOSED IN THIS
11 BUDGET. REDIRECT 50 PERCENT OR MORE RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS INTO
12 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ACTUALLY HELPING
13 PEOPLE. AND TO ALLOW FOR THE FULL TRANSPARENCY IN THE BUDGET
14 PROCESS WITH INTENTIONAL INCLUSION OF L.A. COUNTY
15 CONSTITUENTS. INCARCERATION DOES NOT PROVIDE PEOPLE WITH THE
16 NECESSARY TOOLS AND SERVICES THAT SUPPORT SUCCESSFUL
17 TRANSITIONS INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. YOU NEED TO REDIRECT THE
18 MONEY THAT FUNDS THE INDUSTRY OF MASS INCARCERATION INTO THE
19 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING THESE
20 SERVICES WITH LITTLE OR NO FUNDING. AS ELECTED OFFICIALS YOU
21 NEED TO NOT ONLY HEAR WHAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE TO SAY BUT
22 ACT ON WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY. YOUR CONSTITUENTS ARE ON THE
23 GROUND DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS AND HARDSHIPS DOING THE
24 BEST THEY CAN TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES THAT SOME OF YOU FAIL TO

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1 ACT ON. DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS BUT BE ABOUT IT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM?

5

6 **REVEREND NORA JACOB:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS REVEREND NORA
7 JACOB AND I CHAIR THE POMONA VALLEY REENTRY COALITION IN THE
8 FIRST DISTRICT. THANKS TO PROP 47 WE ARE NOW SAVING VAST
9 AMOUNTS OF MONEY BY NO LONGER INCARCERATING LOW- LEVEL
10 OFFENDERS. THANKS TO PUBLIC SAFETY RE-ALIGNMENT, THIS COUNTY
11 RECEIVES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF STATE DOLLARS EACH YEAR THAT
12 OUGHT TO BE APPLIED TO OUT OF CUSTODY SUPPORTIVE AND
13 REHABILITATIVE SERVICES INSTEAD OF GOING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
14 FUNCTIONS. AND THANKS TO THE STEPS WE'RE NOW TAKING TO
15 DIVERTING THOUSANDS OF MENTALLY ILL PERSONS, WHO SHOULD NEVER
16 BE LOCKED UP AND WHOSE CONDITIONS ONLY WORSEN IN
17 INCARCERATION, WE'LL REAP YET MORE SAVINGS THAT COULD AND
18 SHOULD BE REDIRECTED APPROPRIATELY TO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL
19 HEALTH SERVICES. SUPERVISORS, I ASK YOU TO REDIRECT THESE
20 FUNDS INTO MUCH NEEDED COMMUNITY-BASED RE-ENTRY SUPPORT AND
21 INTO REHABILITATION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I WORKDAY IN
22 AND DAY OUT WITH PEOPLE IN THE POMONA AREA WHO URGENTLY NEED
23 WRAP-AROUND, SUPPORTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES OUTSIDE OF
24 INCARCERATION IN ORDER TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK TOGETHER AND TO
25 BECOME PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY WHO WILL NOT RECIDIVATE.

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1 THE SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED AGENCIES WHO TRY TO SERVE THESE
2 PEOPLE ARE LITERALLY STARVED FOR FUNDS WHEN YOU KNOW AND I
3 KNOW THAT THIS COUNTY IS ACTUALLY AWASH IN FUNDS THAT COULD BE
4 USED TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED SUPPORT. I ASK THAT THIS COUNTY
5 REDIRECT ITS DECISIONS AND INVEST IN ITS PEOPLE, NOT IN NEW
6 JAILS, NOT IN MORE SHERIFFS DEPUTIES BUT IN PEOPLE WHO ALL
7 BEAR THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF OUR CREATOR REGARDLESS OF THEIR
8 CIRCUMSTANCES. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT'S GOOD TO SEE Y'ALL
13 THIS MORNING. WE'RE HERE, MANY OF US YOU'LL SEE ARE HOLDING
14 THESE POLAROIDS OF FOLKS WHO ARE VISITING THEIR LOVED ONES AT
15 LYNWOOD JAIL ON MOTHER'S DAY. WE LIFT THEM UP AND WE'RE
16 BRINGING THEM INTO THE SPACE TODAY BECAUSE WE KNOW WE'RE
17 SEEING FUNDING FOR THE WOMEN'S JAIL ON THE COUNTY BUDGET,
18 WHICH IS OF DEEP CONCERN FOR US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'M REALLY
19 GLAD THAT YOU'RE HERE. AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT ON YOUR ROLE IN
20 THIS PROCESS. I KNOW EARLIER IN THE YEAR YOU WERE QUOTED IN
21 THE L.A. TIMES SAYING THAT YOU'RE AGAINST A MASS INCARCERATION
22 COMPLEX THAT L.A. PLAYS A ROLE IN. THIS WOMEN'S JAIL THAT'S ON
23 THE BUDGET AND THE MENTAL HEALTH JAIL FITS INTO THAT. AND
24 WE'RE HERE TO SAY THAT ACTUALLY WE NEED TO CHANGE THE
25 PARADIGM. DIVERSION SHOULD NOT BE AN ADJUNCT OR A SUPPLEMENT

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1 TO INCARCERATION. DIVERSION SHOULD BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO
2 INCARCERATION. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STUDIES, MUCH WORK DONE.
3 WE COULD HAVE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM WHO CAN SHOW YOU WHERE THIS
4 MONEY CAN GO INCLUDING WRAP-AROUND SERVICES, HOUSING,
5 DIVERSION. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN \$20 MILLION SECURED. THE
6 MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS LED LAST YEAR FOR
7 DIVERSION, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MONEY IS EXPANDED, NOT
8 REDUCED. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT LAST
9 WEEK THE SUPERVISORS, YOU APPROVED A MOTION REQUIRING THE
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COME INTO THE SUPERVISORS AND REPORT
11 ON THE STATUS OF THE JAIL PLAN AND SOME UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS
12 REGARDING JAIL CONSTRUCTION. WE KNOW THAT PROP 47, RISK-BASED
13 PRETRIAL RELEASE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S MENTAL HEALTH
14 DIVERSION PLAN, SPLIT SENTENCING CAN DRIVE THE POPULATION DOWN
15 IN A WAY WHERE WE WILL NOT NEED TO BUILD. AND WE'RE DEMANDING
16 THAT THE SUPERVISORS REALLY LOOK INTO THAT AND MAXIMIZE
17 DIVERSION. MAXIMIZE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO DECARCERATE THE
18 JAIL SYSTEM. LASTLY I'LL SAY WE'RE ABOUT TO MOVE INTO A MOMENT
19 WHERE YOU THE SUPERVISORS WILL BE VOTING ON CIVILIAN
20 OVERSIGHT. IN A COUNTY WHERE BLACK FOLKS ARE 43.7 PERCENT OF
21 THE MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION, THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
22 EXPERIENCE SHERIFF VIOLENCE INSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. WE
23 FEEL IT'S IMPORTANT.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP

2 MARCELLA SABA AND BRANDY CANNADY. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **SHANNON SOPER:** I'M SHANE ON SOPER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW.

5 I THINK WHAT MARC-ANTHONY WAS SAYING TO SECURE MONEY FOR

6 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, SOMETHING I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ECHO. THE

7 BUDGET IS SO COOL. YOU HAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND YOU GET TO

8 DECIDE HOW THEY'RE SPENT TO ENRICH OUR COUNTY. AND IT'S SUCH

9 AN EXCITING TIME. WE HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT FOR THE LOS

10 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THE HORIZON LIKE MARK-

11 ANTHONY WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT. WE HAVE D.A. JACKIE LACEY'S

12 MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PLAN COMING UP. AND WE'VE SEEN A

13 DECREASE IN THE JAIL POPULATION THROUGH THINGS LIKE PROP 47.

14 JUST LAST WEEKEND I SAW MAYOR GARCETTI AT THE MANIFEST JUSTICE

15 ART EXHIBIT, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT.

16 VERY COOL ART EXHIBIT FOCUSING ON SYSTEMIC RACISM AND VIOLENCE

17 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS A HUGE NATIONAL CONVERSATION,

18 NOT JUST HERE. ALSO REALLY EXCITING SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO

19 COMMEND YOU ALL FOR IS YOUR NEW OPEN DATA WEBSITE THAT

20 LAUNCHED LAST WEEK. I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT

21 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET WASN'T BROKEN DOWN ON THERE TO

22 SEE WHAT THEY'RE USING THEIR MONEY FOR. BUT I DID LEARN THAT

23 PAUL TANAKA IS THE THIRD HIGHEST EARNER OF THE COUNTY FROM THE

24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MAKING OVER \$600,000 A YEAR. SO WHAT I'D

25 LIKE TO SAY, GOING INTO A LOT OF WHAT MARC-ANTHONY SAID, IS

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1 SHOULD BE NO MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR THE WOMEN'S JAIL. THERE
2 SHOULD BE MONEY FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS, THERE SHOULD BE MONEY
3 FOR COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS AND THAT INCLUDES THE LIBRARY AND THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PLEASE GIVE THEM THE MONEY
5 THEY NEED TO SUSTAIN AND HELP ENRICH THE COMMUNITIES, AS WELL.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. TANAKA IS NOT GETTING 600,000 AND
8 HE'S NO LONGER A COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

9

10 **SHANNON SOPER:** RIGHT. BUT ACCORDING TO ON THE WEBSITE OF THE
11 YEAR THAT THEY HAVE POSTED, THEY HAD IT BROKEN DOWN BY EXACTLY
12 WHAT HE MADE INCLUDING JUST UNDER 400,000 IN LEAVE PAY, JUST
13 UNDER 400,000 IN LEAVE. YOU CAN GO ON THE WEBSITE AND LOOK AT
14 YOUR WEBSITE. BUT I ALSO HAVE A PICTURE OF THE WOMAN FROM THE
15 LYNWOOD JAIL WHO WE SPOKE TO. AND I'VE BEEN INSIDE THAT JAIL
16 AND THAT'S THE LAST THING WE NEED ANOTHER OF. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN.

19

20 **RAY LEWIS:** YES, SIR. GREETINGS. FIRST THING I'D LIKE TO SAY IS
21 ASHAY TO THE UNIVERSAL CREATOR. ASHAY TO THE [INAUDIBLE],
22 ASHAY TO THE [INAUDIBLE] ASHAY TO OUR ANCESTORS WHO KEEP OUR
23 HEADS PROTECTIION AROUND US AND OUR PLANET. GREETINGS. MY NAME
24 IS RAY LEWIS. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I
25 WAS LOOKING AT THIS BUDGET PLAN AND I CAME TO A CONCLUSION

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1 THAT ALL OUR ACTIONS ARE IN VAIN AND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 FORM THESE BUDGET PLANS AND THEIR CONSTITUENTS ARE PART OF THE
3 PROBLEM. THEY'RE PROMOTING WHITE SUPREMACY AS A SYSTEM. WITH
4 THIS SYSTEM, THEY NEED A NEW PLANTATION, IE, JAILS AND
5 PRISONS. THE CONSTITUTION STATES THAT SLAVERY STILL EXISTS: IN
6 PRISONS AND IN JAILS. AND THAT PROBLEM WILL BE CORRECTED
7 PRETTY SOON, ALSO. IT'S A FACT THAT THERE ARE 17,000 PEOPLE IN
8 THE COUNTY JAIL RIGHT NOW, THE CAPACITY OF 21,000. SO THERE'S
9 4,000 EMPTY BEDS THERE SO WE DON'T NEED A NEW JAIL. IT'S A
10 FACT. THE SHERIFFS ARE ASKING FOR MORE FUNDING FOR MORE
11 SHERIFFS. THE SHERIFFS THAT WE GOT NOW ARE DOING A POOR JOB.
12 THEY'RE KILLING US. I CAN SEE THAT FUNDING GOING TO COMMUNITY-
13 BASED TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALING,
14 JUSTICE PROGRAMS, THERE SHOULD BE NO FUNDING FOR THE SHERIFFS
15 AT ALL. ALL OUR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GOING TO WITH D.A. JACKIE
16 LACEY, BUDGET PLAN OF MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION. THAT WILL HELP
17 THOUSANDS OF MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS DOWNTOWN
18 L.A. AND ALL ACROSS LOS ANGELES FOR HOMELESS AND RECOVERY
19 FACILITIES. THE SOLUTION IS TO END THIS PLANTATION STATE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL
22 UP TANISHA DENARD: KIANI.

23

24 **BRANDY:** HI MY NAME IS BRANDY AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE
25 COALITION. STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS INCLUDING THE

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1 WOMEN'S JAILS WITH OVER 1,600 BEDS THAT IS IN THE BUDGET FOR
2 THIS YEAR. THAT'S CRAZY GUYS WANT TO HAVE THAT MANY BEDS. YOU
3 HAVE A BUDGET FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T EVEN COMMITTED CRIMES
4 YET. YOU GUYS COULD TAKE THAT MONEY AND PUT IT TO SOME OTHER
5 USE LIKE FOR HOMELESSNESS. I AM HOMELESS. YOU GUYS COULD PUT
6 IT TOWARDS CHILDCARE. I'M A SINGLE MOTHER. WE NEED CHILDCARE.
7 VARIOUS OTHER THINGS THAT YOU GUYS CAN DO WITH THIS MONEY
8 INSTEAD OF BUILDING A NEW JAIL. THE JAIL YOU GUYS WILL BUILD,
9 9 TIMES OUT OF 10 MY DAUGHTER WILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO GO TO THAT
10 JAIL, SO I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THAT JAIL BUILT. SO AS A MOTHER,
11 I'M COMING HERE ASKING YOU GUYS PLEASE REDIRECT THAT MONEY
12 SOMEWHERE ELSE AND PUT IT IN A POSITIVE PLACE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I'LL TAKE HER LAST MINUTE IF IT'S OKAY. ERIC
15 PREVEN. NO IT'S NOT OKAY? THEN ZERO ME OUT AND I'LL GO BACK TO
16 THE BEGINNING IF YOU DON'T MIND. THANK YOU. ITS ERIC PREVEN
17 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. THANK YOU, SIR. ARE YOU
18 CHECKING THE TANAKA NUMBERS? IT IS ASTONISHING, I KNOW. I
19 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ACCURATE. BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT'S CLOSE.
20 IT'S CLOSE. BUT GARDENA --

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'LL FIND OUT IF IT'S ACCURATE.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** OH WE WILL WE ARE CHECKING ON THAT. IT IS A
25 COMPELLING NUMBER. IT'S NOT FAIR.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET HIM START HIS TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GIVE ME A BREAK, MAN.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'D LIKE ME TO GIVE YOU A BREAK, SIR? OKAY.

7 YEAH, RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S ERIC

8 PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND TODAY ABSENT

9 FROM TODAY'S SPEECH WAS THE TRUMPETING THE DRUM ABOUT OUR

10 CREDIT RATING, WHICH IS INTERESTING. AND WE DID HEAR FROM A

11 LOT OF COUNTY WORKERS AND CONSTITUENTS ABOUT SOME OF THE

12 PENDING ISSUES THAT BECAUSE OF A TRANSITION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL

13 WHO REGRETTABLY IS NOT HERE TODAY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS

14 BUT I HOPE SHE'S OKAY. DURING THE CAMPAIGN, THERE WERE A LOT

15 OF THESE ISSUES THAT CAME UP ABOUT HOW DO WE GRAPPLE WITH, FOR

16 EXAMPLE, A \$2 BILLION JAIL THAT PEOPLE ARE VERY WORRIED ABOUT

17 BECAUSE THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH INCARCERATING MENTALLY ILL FOLKS.

18 AND CAN WE NOT DEPLOY SOME OF THOSE RESOURCES APPROPRIATELY

19 TOWARD DIVERSION? BUT DIVERSION NEEDS TO BE, AS MR. JOHNSON

20 SAID, THE PROGRAM, NOT THE AUXILIARY IDEA TO BE ATTACHED

21 LATER. AND THAT'S WHY I WOULD ASK JACKIE LACEY TO STEP FORWARD

22 IF SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S CHARGED. I CAN'T SEE HOW SHE CAN BE THE

23 ONLY ONE. IT NEEDS TO BE MORE OF A SYSTEMIC EVOLUTION. AND I

24 WAS TALKING THIS MORNING ALSO ABOUT THE PROJECT IN SAN ANTONIO

25 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A TOUGH WEEK, IT'S A GOOD WEEK AND A BAD

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1 WEEK. TOURISM IS WAY UP. 250 MILLION CAME TO L.A. LAST YEAR.
2 ASTONISHING NUMBER AND REVENUE CONTINUES TO GROW IN THAT
3 SPACE. AND YET OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE HOMELESS NUMBERS THAT WERE 12
4 PERCENT UP. 12 PERCENT UP IS TERRIBLE. AND THE NUMBER OF
5 45,000 DOESN'T IN FACT CHECK WITH MY NEW YORK TIMES NUMBER
6 FROM LAST YEAR WHICH WAS 57,000. I'M WORRIED ABOUT IT.
7 EVERYBODY IS WORRIED ABOUT IT INCLUDING ACROSS THE STREET AT
8 THE LOS ANGELES CITY. AND IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, IT'S WORTH
9 NOTING THEY HAVE A PATIO WHERE FOLKS, A FEW SECURITY GUARDS.
10 FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO CAN SLEEP THERE SAFELY AT NIGHT AND
11 THEY CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO CLEAN UP AND GET WRAP-AROUND
12 SERVICES AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. IT'S ODD BECAUSE IT WAS
13 INTRODUCED BY AN OIL COMPANY OVER IN TEXAS BUT IT'S WORKING.
14 AND I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE FROM THAT PARTICULAR SYSTEM
15 WHATEVER WORKS AND TRY TO ROLL IT OUT. BECAUSE HERE IN THE
16 COUNTY WE HAVE ONE GREAT PROGRAM IN A SMALL SECTION BUT WE
17 WANT IT SYSTEM WIDE. THANK YOU, SIR, FOR BRINGING ALL THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL DAYVON WILLIAMS,
20 DAYVON WILLIAMS AND KIM MCGILL. KIM MCGILL. YES.

21

22 **TANIKSHA:** HI, MY NAME IS TANESHA AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH
23 JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO BRING ATTENTION TO THIS PICTURE
24 THAT I HAVE. THERE WAS I GUESS YOU CAN CALL IT SOME THE
25 ORGANIZERS HAD AT THE LYNWOOD'S WOMEN'S JAIL ON MOTHER'S DAY.

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1 THEY MADE LIKE A GIANT CARD JUST RECOGNIZING MOTHERS THAT ARE
2 INSIDE THAT AREN'T GETTING TO SPEND THEIR MOTHER'S DAY WITH
3 THEIR CHILDREN AND STUFF LIKE THAT. AND I ALSO WANTED TO
4 DEMAND THAT WE STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING THE
5 NEW 1,600-BED FOR WOMEN IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AND REDIRECT
6 THAT MONEY TOWARDS COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE THE
7 LAST LETTER WAS SENT ALREADY FOR REHABILITATED. BUT I DON'T
8 KNOW ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN FULLY REHABILITATED IN A POSITIVE
9 WAY COMING FROM OUR REHABILITATION PROCESS. BUT ALSO GIVE FULL
10 TRANSPARENCY WITH THE BUDGET PROCESS BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, A LOT
11 OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MY OWN, HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
12 WHAT PEOPLE NEED BASED ON WOMEN THAT WE TALK TO THAT WERE IN
13 JAIL, PEOPLE THAT VISIT THE JAILS, THE WOMEN'S JAIL THAT WE
14 HAVE NOW ISN'T UP TO PAR. THERE'S WOMEN IN THERE, CLIENTS WITH
15 LEAD IN THE WATER AND STUFF LIKE THAT. PLANNING TO BUILD THE
16 NEW JAIL ISN'T GOING TO DO NOTHING WHEN WE ALREADY HAVE ONE
17 THAT'S NOT EVEN KEEPING OUR WOMEN SAFE FOR WHEN THEY COME HOME
18 TO THEIR CHILDREN AND STUFF LIKE THAT AND IT'S ALREADY TEARING
19 THEM APART. SO IT NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND OF COMMUNITY
20 CONNECTION WHERE PEOPLE GET TO BE MORE CONNECTED AND BE
21 REHABILITATED WITH THEIR CHILDREN, NOT INSIDE OF CELLS AND
22 STUFF LIKE THAT.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP DIANA ZUNIGA, .
2 SIDNEY RISDEN. HOLD ON ONE SECOND. MARY SUTTON. MARY SUTTON.
3 OKAY.

4
5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M A STUDENT ACTUALLY PART-TIME
6 STUDENT AT U.S.C. SOCIAL WORK SCHOOL. AND I WAS SEARCHING
7 SOMETHING ONLINE AND I FOUND ACTUALLY THIS GROUP I JUST WANTED
8 TO SUPPORT THEM. I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD TALK HERE BUT I'M SO
9 HONORED TO BE ACTUALLY HERE AND SEE YOU OUT OF NEWSPAPERS AND
10 MAGAZINES THAT I WAS REVIEWING FOR LAST YEAR. I WAS FOLLOWING
11 THE PROPOSITION 47 AND DIVERSION 50 PROGRAM. AND I SAW
12 BEAUTIFUL THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THE POTENTIAL, THE
13 ENERGY AND THEN ALL THIS AGREEMENT ON THE PROJECT HAPPENING
14 AROUND L.A. COUNTY. I SAW THIS DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT STARTED.
15 I THINK FOLLOWING THE PROJECT 50 AND LOTS OF ARTICLES IN THE
16 SPACE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. BUT THEY HAVE RESULTS. THEY HAVE
17 PROVEN RESULTS. AND I'M HOPING THAT WE'LL GIVE TIME FOR THE
18 DIVERSION 50 TO GROW UP AND GET SOME RESULTS OUT BECAUSE
19 APPARENTLY ONE OF THE FIVE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE
20 MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS. SO IT'S IN OUR HOUSE, TOO. IT'S IN OUR
21 NEIGHBORHOOD, TOO. SO THESE PEOPLE NEED SUPPORT. AND AS FAR AS
22 ICE ACTUALLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE APPROVING ANOTHER
23 PROJECT, ANOTHER BUDGET THAT WAS PUSHED ASIDE WAS \$20 MILLION
24 AND ANOTHER \$10 MILLION ON TOP OF THAT FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS,
25 WHICH IS WONDERFUL. SO IT SHOWS THE SUPPORT AND SHOWS THE

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1 COLLABORATION OF EVERYBODY. AGREEMENTS AND NO OPPOSITION ON
2 THAT. BUT THE ONLY THING THAT WAS VERY CONTRADICTING WAS THE
3 JAIL BUDGET. I MEAN \$2 BILLION FOR THE JAIL, IT WAS JUST A
4 LITTLE BIT -- JUST TAKING ME OFF THE CHART AND NOT MAKING
5 SENSE. SO I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT CAN WE DO? AND I SEARCH,
6 WHAT CAN I DO WITH \$2 BILLION AND I CAME UP WITH A SHEET THAT
7 WAS WONDERFULLY PREPARED THAT WITH EVERY \$100 MILLION WHAT
8 KIND OF PROJECTS WE CAN DO. IT WAS AMAZING. I WOULD LOVE TO
9 FORWARD THIS. I'M SURE YOU HAVE SEEN IT TOO, BUT COMMUNITY CAN
10 BE WORKING. PEOPLE CAN BE WORKING. LOVED ONES CAN STAY AT
11 HOME. EVERYBODY WILL HAVE SAFE ENVIRONMENT. SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS
12 AND SAFE COMMUNITY.

13
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
15 UP FELICIA GOMEZ. YES.

16
17 **DAYVON WILLIAMS.** HELLO MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS FROM THE
18 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I AM ASKING YOU GUYS TO NOT
19 INVEST ANYMORE MONEY IN JAILS. I AM SICK AND DISGUSTED WITH
20 JUST THE EXPANSION OR EVEN TO HAVE YOUR MIND ON THAT. OUR
21 MONEY NEEDS TO BE INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN OUR YOUTH
22 BECAUSE WE ARE THE FUTURE. HEALTHCARE, RESOURCES, STUFF THAT
23 PEOPLE NEED. AS SAID EARLIER THOSE BEDS AREN'T EVEN FILLED SO
24 APPARENTLY YOU WERE THINKING IN THAT DIRECTION THAT WE WANT TO
25 FIND MORE PEOPLE TO PUT IN THOSE BEDS INSTEAD OF HEALTH CARE

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1 AND OTHER THINGS THAT WE NEED. BUILDING THE NEW WOMEN'S JAIL
2 IN LYNWOOD, TRYING TO MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT'S MORE FRIENDLY,
3 THEY COULD HAVE THEIR CHILDREN THERE. WHO WANTS TO HAVE THEIR
4 CHILDREN GROW UP INCARCERATION? REINVEST.

5

6 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. CHRISTINA.

7

8 SPEAKER: CAN I TAKE HIS ADDITIONAL MINUTE, AS WELL?

9

10 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO, NO, WE HAVE TOO MANY MORE PEOPLE.
11 CHRISTINA SO. OKAY. YES, MA'AM. WHO IS NEXT? OKAY. GO ON.

12

13 DIANA ZUNIGA: MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I'M WITH
14 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. AGAIN I'M
15 HOLDING UP THE PICTURES OF THE LOVED ONES THAT WE BROUGHT
16 FLOWERS AND CARDS TO ON MOTHER'S DAY THAT WERE VISITING THEIR
17 LOVED ONES AT LYNWOOD JAIL. I'M ALSO BRINGING LETTERS FOR YOU
18 ALL WHERE ALL OF OUR ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SIGNED ON REQUESTING
19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. ONE OF THE
20 ISSUES WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE IS WITH THE WOMEN'S JAIL, THE FACT
21 THAT THERE'S \$103 MILLION IN THE BUDGET THIS YEAR FOR THE
22 WOMEN'S JAIL. WHEN I ASKED THIS LITTLE GIRL THAT I'M HOLDING
23 UP HER PICTURE WHAT HER MOM NEEDS INSTEAD OF A JAIL, SHE
24 ANSWERED ME. THESE ARE REAL STORIES. THESE ARE REAL HUMAN
25 HUMAN BEINGS THESE ARE REAL THINGS THAT WE ALL NEED TO START

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1 LOOKING AT AND PRIORITIZING IN OUR BUDGET. PUTTING MONEY FOR A
2 WOMEN'S JAIL IS NOT PRIORITIZING THAT. SECOND, THE SHERIFF'S
3 BUDGET IS INCREASING. WE KNOW IT'S INCREASING. THEY'RE ALSO
4 ASKING FOR 2,323 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. ALL MORNING YOU HEARD
5 OF THE POSITIONS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR TRANSLATORS, FOR SOCIAL
6 WORKERS, FOR HOUSING, ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT WE COULD
7 ACTUALLY INVEST IN AS OPPOSED TO PUTTING MORE MONEY INTO THE
8 SHERIFF'S BUDGET THAT WILL JUST ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE
9 CRIMINALIZING AND INCARCERATING OUR COMMUNITIES. WE WOULD LIKE
10 TO HAVE ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU ABOUT THIS BUDGET.
11 AND WE ARE SEEKING FULL TRANSPARENCY AROUND THE SHERIFF'S
12 BUDGET. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY'RE USING THE INMATE WELFARE
13 FUND WITH. NOW THEY'RE BEING ALLOWED TO GET THIS PROVISIONAL
14 USE FUND THAT IS ONLY GOING TO ADD MORE MONEY INTO THEIR
15 ACCOUNT. WE KNOW THAT THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO GO AND WE KNOW
16 THAT YOU ALL KNOW THAT IT ISN'T RIGHT TO CONTINUE
17 INCARCERATING OUR FAMILIES. PLEASE STOP THE WOMEN'S JAIL.
18 PLEASE STOP THE \$2 BILLION JAIL NEXT WEEK. AND WE REALLY HOPE
19 THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE STANDING WITH US TO DEMAND MORE
20 SERVICES AND MORE MONEY GOING INTO HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, ALL OF
21 THE THINGS WE KNOW WE NEED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GARCIA MANDRAGON.

24

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1 **KIM MCGILL:** KIM MCGILL FROM THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION, GOOD
2 MORNING. AS YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY WHO IS HERE HAS EITHER VISITED
3 A LOVED ONE INSIDE OR BEEN INSIDE OURSEVELES. AND FOR 50,000 A
4 YEAR WHICH IS ABOUT WHAT THE AVERAGE EXPENSE IS FOR THE COUNTY
5 JAIL I CAN TELL YOU THAT EVERY TIME I WAS INSIDE, I GOT FECES
6 AND URINE STAINED UNDERWEAR, I GOT FREEZING COLD THAT FROZE
7 YOU OUT IN THE DAYTIME AND EVEN WORSE AT NIGHT WHEN YOU WERE
8 TRYING TO SLEEP. AT NIGHT YOU WERE CONSTANTLY BOMBARDED WITH
9 FLUORESCENT LIGHTING. IT MEANT NO PROGRAMMING. HOUR UPON HOUR
10 UPON HOUR OF NOTHING TO DO, NOT EVEN ANYTHING TO READ OR WRITE
11 WITH. THAT'S KIND OF THING THAT REALLY TWISTS YOUR MINDS. IT
12 MEANT THAT AT NIGHT YOU HEARD THE SCREAMS OF PEOPLE THAT WERE
13 MAD WITH MENTAL CONDITIONS WITH NO TREATMENT. IT MEANT YOU SAW
14 PEOPLE, THE FEW PEOPLE THAT GOT THEIR MEDICATION ON TIME
15 OFTENTIMES TONGUE THEIR MEDICATION AND TRADE IT FOR OTHER
16 FAVORS INSIDE. IT MEANT THAT YOU SAW DRUGS AVAILABLE INSIDE,
17 ALCOHOL AVAILABLE INSIDE NOT FROM VISITS BUT FROM PEOPLE THAT
18 WERE WORKING INSIDE AND BRINGING IT INSIDE. IT MEANT THAT
19 PEOPLE WERE COERCED INTO BUYING TIME ON CELL PHONES. THE
20 SHERIFFS WOULD SELL PEOPLE TIME ON THEIR OWN CELL PHONES IN
21 ORDER TO CALL THE OUTSIDE. AND MOST EGREGIOUS, IT MEANT THAT
22 PEOPLE WERE PUTTING LONG, SOMETIMES WEEKS AND MONTHS IN
23 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT OFTENTIMES JUST BY THEIR CHARGES ALONE
24 WHICH IS A HUGE VIOLATION OF UNITED NATIONS STANDARDS. AND
25 KEPT ON SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WITHOUT ANY ACCESS TO

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1 PROGRAMMING. ON THE OTHER SIDE YOU HAVE MILLIONS OF SOLUTIONS,
2 PLENTY OF SOLUTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY MOVING FORWARD IN THE
3 COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY STILL HAS THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE
4 NATION. OF THE 140,000 PEOPLE GOING TO IT EVERY YEAR. YET WE
5 ARE ALREADY SEEING NUMBERS DECLINE WITH PROP 47. WE HAVE A
6 GREAT PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
7 WE HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE 50 PERCENT THAT'S ALREADY BEING
8 PROPOSED TO MOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME THE MONEY THAT WAS
9 SUPPOSED TO COME TO COMMUNITY-BASED OWNED AND OPERATED
10 ALTERNATIVES. WE COULD CLOSE DOWN CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL WHERE
11 THE POPULATION'S ALREADY IN HALF WITHOUT ANY LOSS OF BEDS
12 ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WANT TO SEE A DECREASE IN BEDS FROM THE
13 JUVENILE SYSTEM ALSO AND TURN THAT INTO A DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S
14 COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER WHERE WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN COULD
15 CHECK IN THE MORNING INSTEAD OF BEING SHIPPED TO ADELANTE
16 WHERE THEY HAVE NO FAMILY VISITS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ALSO FERNANDO
19 ANTUNEZ.

20

21 **SIDNEY ROSS RISDEN:** MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS RISDEN, I'M A
22 MEMBER OF THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE. WOMEN OF LOS ANGELES
23 DON'T NEED THE COUNTY TO BUILD AN EXPENSIVE NEW JAIL FOR WOMEN
24 OUT IN LANCASTER OR TO HIRE MORE SHERIFFS. WE URGENTLY NEED
25 YOU TO ADDRESS THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN OUR BEING JAILED.

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1 WOMEN ARE THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION BEING INCARCERATED.
2 WHY? THE POVERTY OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, DISPROPORTIONATELY
3 WOMEN OF COLOR, IS INCREASING. AND WOMEN ARE FORCED TO DO
4 WHATEVER WE CAN TO KEEP A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS AND FEED OUR
5 KIDS, RESULTING IN INCREASING NUMBERS OF US BEING
6 CRIMINALIZED. THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" THIS MORNING DOCUMENTS
7 L.A.'S INCREASING HOMELESSNESS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU NOTED
8 THE INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IN FACT WOMEN AND
9 CHILDREN ARE THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION AMONG THE
10 HOMELESS. WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN HIT ESPECIALLY HARD BY
11 THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND THE GUTTING OF WELFARE AS OUR RIGHT
12 AND OTHER SAFETY PROGRAMS. THE MINIMUM WAGE IN LOS ANGELES IS
13 LOWER THAN EVER OTHER MAJOR CITY IN THE STATE AND WOMEN ARE
14 THE MAJORITY OF MINIMUM WAGED WORKERS. 46 PERCENT OF WOMEN IN
15 L.A. JAILS ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. 46
16 PERCENT! MANY WOMEN IN L.A.'S JAILS ARE MOTHERS WHOSE CHILDREN
17 ARE AT GRAVE RISK OF ENDING UP IN L.A.'S TROUBLED FOSTER CARE
18 SYSTEM OR ADOPTED OUT TO STRANGERS. WOMEN URGENTLY NEED
19 RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO KEEP OUR FAMILIES TOGETHER AND WE
20 NEED HOUSING AND MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH CARE AND WE
21 NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 IN
22 L.A. COUNTY. ALL OF US SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO A LIVING WAGE
23 INCLUDING MOTHERS AND OTHER CAREGIVERS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
2 REVEREND PETER LAARMAN AND MARCELLA HERNANDEZ. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **CHRISTINA TSAO:** MY NAME IS CHRISTINA TSAO AND I AM WITH THE NO
5 MORE JAILS COALITION AND A MEMBER OF CRITICAL RESISTANCE, LOS
6 ANGELES. I AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. SO AS
7 YOUR CONSTITUENT, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, YOU BETTER LISTEN UP. I'M
8 HERE TODAY TO PROTEST THE SHERIFF'S STAGGERING BUDGET FOR
9 FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND '16 AND TO DEMAND THE BOARD TO WITHDRAW
10 THE COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR A.B.900 FUNDING AND REDIRECT THE
11 REMAINING 3.4 MILLION FOR THE WOMEN'S JAIL TOWARDS THE
12 PLETHORA OF COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS AND PROGRAMMING THAT PEOPLE
13 HAVE SPOKE ON AND WILL SPEAK ON TODAY. THE POPULATION IN
14 WOMEN'S JAILS IS STEADILY DECLINING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO
15 WITH THINGS LIKE PROP 47, GOOD TIME CREDITS AND PRETRIAL
16 DIVERSION. THE POPULATION WILL REDUCE EVEN FURTHER IF THE
17 BOARD MAKES THE DECISION TO AGGRESSIVELY EXPAND CREDIT-EARNING
18 PROGRAMS AND DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE PRETRIAL DIVERSION. THE
19 BOARD SHOULD MANDATE THE USE OF SPLIT SENTENCING AND ALLOCATE
20 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SO THERE ARE BEDS
21 AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY PROGRAMS. THESE
22 INITIATIVES IF TAKEN BY THE BOARD WOULD ELIMINATE THE
23 PERCEIVED NEED FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S JAIL. INSTEAD OF APPROVING
24 THE SHERIFF'S INFLATED BUDGET SO THEY CAN RECRUIT AND STAFF
25 MORE DEPUTIES, I AM DEMANDING THAT YOU REDIRECT THE MONEY

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1 TOWARDS RESOURCES THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.
2 LIKE GUARANTEED ACCESS TO HOUSING, YOUTH PROGRAMS, QUALITY
3 HEALTHCARE, AND SERVICES. I AM DEMANDING THE BOARD TO STOP
4 LOCKING UP WOMEN AND TEARING FAMILIES APART. I AM APPALLED
5 THAT THE BOARD HAS APPROVED UPWARDS OF 100,000,000 DOLLARS FOR
6 THE SHERIFFS TO IMPLEMENT SO-CALLED REFORMS TO MENTAL HEALTH
7 SERVICES IN THE JAILS. I AM ESPECIALLY REPULSED BY THE BOARD'S
8 DECISION WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF'S
9 SOLUTION TO IMPROVE JAIL CONDITIONS IS TO SIMPLY HIRE MORE
10 CUSTODIAL DEPUTIES AND TO REGROUP THESE DEPUTIES INTO NEW
11 TEAMS. FOR EXAMPLE THE PROPOSED GRIEVANCE TEAM AND THE
12 OXYMORONIC MENTAL HEALTH JAIL TEAMS. I AM DEMANDING THE BOARD
13 TO INVEST IN OUT-OF-CUSTODY PROGRAMS WHERE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
14 HEALTH PROGRAMS HAVE ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE. JAILS
15 ARE NOT AND THEY WILL NEVER BE ADEQUATE PLACES TO TREAT PEOPLE
16 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARY SINGAUS.

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20 **MARY SUTTON:** I'M MARY SUTTON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE NO MORE
21 JAILS COALITION AND CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND THE STATEWIDE
22 COALITION CURB. CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET.
23 FIGHTING PRISONS AND JAILS STATEWIDE. I, TOO, WAS AT THE
24 WOMEN'S JAIL ON MOTHER'S DAY AND WAS WITNESS TO MANY OF THE
25 WOMEN SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD RATHER SEE THAN A WOMEN'S

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1 JAIL. WE GARNERED ALMOST 100 SIGNATURES ON THE NO MORE JAILS
2 COALITION. WE HAVE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF SIGNATURES FROM
3 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS STATING THAT THEY DON'T WANT L.A. COUNTY
4 TO BUILD MORE JAILS. I SUPPPORT ALL THE OTHER ISSUES THAT CAME
5 UP TODAY FROM THE S.E.I.U. FOR LIBRARIES FOR WRAP-AROUND
6 SOCIAL SERVICES, FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS, \$15 MINIMUM WAGE, HOME
7 CARE PROVIDERS, AND HOMELESS SERVICES. IT ALL RELATES TO THE
8 QUESTION AT HAND. I APPLAUD MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR LAST WEEK
9 PUTTING OUT A MOTION TO STALL OUT THE COUNTRY JAIL PLAN TO
10 FURTHER EXAMINE IT. IT'S A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED ANY
11 MORE JAILS. MEN'S CENTRAL CAN BE TORN DOWN AND NOT REPLACED
12 AND THE WOMEN'S JAIL SHOULD NOT BE BUILT AT ALL. WE NEED A
13 WOMEN'S ECOCENTER AND A WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CENTER. I ALSO
14 STARTED A MASTER'S PROGRAM URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AT ANTIOCH
15 UNIVERSITY WITH A FOCUS ON INCARCERATION. I WROTE A PAPER
16 SUGGESTING THAT YOU REPLACE THE WOMEN'S JAIL WITH A WOMEN'S
17 ECO VILLAGE WHERE WOMEN'S ENERGY IS NOT EXTRACTED FROM THEIR
18 FAMILIESA AND COMMUNITY BUT INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES. ALSO
19 SHEILA KUEHL ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN OF THE A.B.109 MONEY LAST
20 WEEK. HERE IT IS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. HERE IT IS FOR THE
21 COMING BUDGET. THE ALLOCATION FOR THE SHERIFF, THE PERCENTAGES
22 ARE THE SAME AS IT HAS BEEN. 80 PERCENT OF THE DOLLARS ARE
23 GOING TO THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT. ONLY \$14,000 IS ALLOCATED FOR HOUSING AND
25 TREATMENT. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. I'M PRESENTING YOU WITH THE 50

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1 PERCENT CAMPAIGN FROM THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY
2 PARTNERSHIP. THIS IS KIND OF IMPORTANT. AND YOU ENGAGED OTHER
3 FOLKS IN CONVERSATION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GIVE IT TO THE DEPUTY AND HE WILL GIVE
6 IT TO US.

7

8 **MARY SUTTON:** THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. TO PUT 50 PERCENT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JOSEPH MAIZLISH.

11

12 **PETER LAARMAN:** MY NAME IS PETER. I'M AN ORDAINED MINISTER. I
13 WORK WITH A MULTI-FAITH COALITION CALLED JUSTICE NOT JAILS AND
14 I ALSO WORK THE REENTRY PARTNERSHIP. MY FRIENDS HERE THIS
15 MORNING I THINK HAVE MADE THE ELOQUENT POINTS ABOUT INITIALLY
16 THE COUNTY WORKERS ABOUT WHERE THE NEEDS LIE IN OUR COUNTY AND
17 NOW MORE RECENTLY PEOPLE WHO WORK ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
18 ISSUE ON THE REINVESTMENT QUESTION. I DON'T WANT TO CITE ALL
19 THE STATISTICS BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED TIME. I THINK THE ISSUE
20 IS: IS JUSTICE REINVESTMENT THAT HARD TO DO? AND MY ANSWER,
21 LOOKING AT IT, IS ESPECIALLY LOOKING AT WHAT OTHER COUNTIES
22 HAVE DONE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS NOT THAT
23 DIFFICULT TO DO. BUT LOS ANGELES LAGS BEHIND TO THE POINT THAT
24 IT'S BECOME NOT NOW JUST AN EMBARRASSMENT BUT I THINK A KIND
25 OF MORAL DISGRACE THAT WE ARE NOT STEPPING UP AND RECOGNIZING

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1 THE NEW ERA THAT WE'RE IN. MY HEART IS GRIEVED TO SEE THAT THE
2 SHARE OF MONIES THAT WILL BE STRICTLY LAW ENFORCEMENT GOING
3 FORWARD MAY REMAIN THE SAME. I THINK THAT'S A TREMENDOUS
4 PROBLEM. WE CAN FIX THIS. THE TIME FOR JUSTICE REINVESTMENT IS
5 NOW. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO HAVE STUDIED THIS
6 INTENSIVELY. YOU YOURSELVES HAVE LITERATURE ON IT. YOU CAN
7 LOOK AT WHAT OTHER COUNTIES HAVE DONE. WE SIMPLY HAVE TO TURN
8 A PAGE HERE. I SUPPORT THE 50 PERCENT ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE
9 REALIGNMENT MONEY. WE ALSO SUPPORT URGENT AN NEED TO GET
10 BEYOND THE OPAQUENESS OF OUR BUDGETS AND ACTUALLY FIND OUT IN
11 A GRANULAR WAY WHERE THE RE-ALIGNMENT MONIES, ALL THE MONEY IS
12 GOING. MY TIME IS UP BUT I TALK TO PEOPLE ALL THE TIME WHO
13 PROVIDE THE SERVICES. THEY ARE STARVING AND THE COUNTY AND IS
14 AWASH IN MONEY. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** STEVEN ROGERS. YES, MA'AM.

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18 **MARY SNGAUS:** I'M MARY SINGAUS FROM MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
19 DISTRICT. I SEE THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S JAIL
20 POPULATION IS PRETRIAL AND I SEE THAT 20 PERCENT ARE INVOLVED
21 IN THE JAIL SYSTEM BECAUSE OF MENTAL ILLNESS. SO THAT TO ME
22 ADDS UP TO AROUND 70 PERCENT OF THE WOMEN THAT ARE IN THE
23 WOMEN'S JAIL HAVE OTHER OPTIONS THAT THEY COULD BE SOMEWHERE
24 ELSE. THE PEOPLE THAT ARE JAIL AND THE PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL ARE
25 THE SAME. BY THAT I MEAN BECAUSE I'VE BEEN JAIL DOESN'T MEAN I

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1 AM LESS THAN OR CAN'T BE REHABILITATED OR IF I EVEN NEED
2 REHABILITATION. I MAY HAVE JUST BEEN IN THE SAME CAR OR KNOW
3 SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS SOMEBODY. I THINK WE HAVE TO THINK OF ALL
4 THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY AS PEOPLE THAT NEED A WRAP-AROUND
5 SERVICES NO JUST THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS BECAUSE
6 TOMORROW THEY MAY BE IN JAIL SO THEY WILL BE DIFFERENT BECAUSE
7 THEY'RE IN JAIL TODAY AND NOT YESTERDAY. I THINK GIVEN ALL THE
8 SERVICES THAT L.A. COUNTY PROVIDES IS AMAZING. I WORK FOR L.A.
9 COUNTY IN PUBLIC HEALTH AS PROBABLY YOU ALL REMEMBER I KEEP
10 SAYING IT BUT AT ANY RATE, WE HAVE ELECTED YOU TO HAVE SUCH AN
11 AMAZING POWER TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO SOMETHING UNUSUALLY
12 WONDERFUL AND DECREASE THE PEOPLE AND TAKE CARE OF THEM. THERE
13 ARE OUT CHILDREN THERE ARE OUT MOTHERS THEY ARE OUR FATHERS.
14 THEY ARE US. SO PLEASE CHANGE COURSE. PLEASE BUILD COMMUNITIES
15 AND NOT JAILS WITH THIS BUDGET. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP IVAN
18 RUEDA. YES, MA'AM.

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20 **SPEAKER:** I'M BACK HERE AGAIN. I WAS HERE YESTERDAY JUST
21 BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE ISSUES ARE REALLY INTERRELATED, I'M
22 WITH THE IMMIGRANT YOUTH COALITION. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
23 FIRST DISTRICTS. I LIVED AND GREW UP IN LA PUENTE BALDWIN PARK
24 FOR MOST OF MY LIFE. DEFINITELY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HITS
25 HOME BECAUSE MY UNCLE WHEN HE WAS A TEENAGER HE DID FACE ABUSE

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1 AND HE -- I DON'T THINK HE TRUSTED TO REPORT TO THE POLICE
2 BECAUSE WE ARE FROM A MIXED STATUS FAMILY SO WE DON'T TRUST
3 POLICE BECAUSE WE DO HAVE THAT FEAR THAT ONE OF OUR FAMILY
4 MEMBERS MIGHT GET DETAINED AND DEPORTED. AND INSTEAD OF
5 FINDING THAT HELP HE DID USE DRUGS TO COPE WITH ALL OF THIS
6 TRAUMA. THERE WAS NO REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. SO BECAUSE OF
7 THAT, HE WAS ALSO PLACED IN DETENTION CENTERS AND IN
8 DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS. IN THE MEANWHILE, HE HAD TWO
9 CHILDREN, TWO LITTLE GIRLS. HE HASN'T SEEN THEM IN TEN YEARS.
10 SO I'M HERE REALLY SUPPORTING TAKING A STANCE AGAINST THE
11 EXPANSION OF JAILS BECAUSE AS MANY OF THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE
12 SAID WE NEED PROGRAMS THAT HELP PEOPLE LIKE MY UNCLE
13 REHABILITATE. WE KNOW THAT A LOT OF OUR COMMUNITY DOESN'T
14 TRUST THE POLICE BECAUSE OF MIXED STATUS FAMILIES. I'M ALSO
15 HERE BECAUSE I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE 12 MILLION
16 SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO OFFSET THE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE STATE
17 CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SO WE KNOW THAT IN 2014
18 THIS PROGRAM WAS FUNDED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND I AM
19 CONCERNED THAT THE PROGRAM IS GOING TO USE TAXPAYER DOLLARS
20 BECAUSE WE DO PAY TAXES AS UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS SO WE DON'T WANT
21 TO SEE MY TAXPAYER DOLLARS REALLY GOING TO PROGRAMS LIKE THAT
22 THAT COULD KEEP CRIMINALIZING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SPEAKER:** AND I DO BELIEVE WE NEED MORE REHABILITATION
2 PROGRAMS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP EDDIE FLORES AND
5 CHRISTINE WONG.

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7 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING OR THIS GOOD AFTERNOON,
8 SUPERVISORS. JOE MAIZLISH, A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.
9 OVER THE LAST 23 YEARS, I'VE GIVEN EITHER DONATED OR
10 SUBCONTRACTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN SIX OF OUR COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING ONE NIGHT A WEEK FOR SEVEN YEARS WITH
12 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. EVERYTHING YOU'VE
13 HEARD TODAY, THE IMPRESSIVE TALKS OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WE
14 ARE TRYING TO MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW AND MAKE THINGS WORK
15 IS PART OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS I UNDERSTAND IT AND I ACTUALLY AM
16 FOR A MUCH BIGGER PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE BUDGET
17 THAT IS MORE BROADLY DEFINED AND THAT INCLUDE ALL THESE
18 SERVICES. YOU AND YOUR STAFFS MAY WANT TO LOOK UP THE ADVERSE
19 CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES STUDIES WHICH SHOW THAT LIFELONG HEALTH
20 PROBLEMS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROBLEMS CAN RESULT FROM POOR
21 CONDITIONS IN CHILDHOOD. THAT'S ACESTUDY.ORG. WE ALSO WANT TO
22 HELP PEOPLE BECAUSE JUST TO REDUCE THEIR SUFFERING AND PAIN.
23 YOUR JOB, SPEAKING OF PAIN. YOUR JOB ACTUALLY AT BUDGET TIME
24 SEEMS TO BE HOW TO APPORTION THE PAIN. AND I DON'T ENVY YOUR
25 POSITION ABOUT DECIDING WHERE THE DEFICITS ARE GOING TO BE.

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1 NOT FINANCIAL DEFICITS BUT DEFICITS IN HEALTH AND HOUSING THE
2 REST. I THINK WE NEED A LOT MORE SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AND
3 EVERYWHERE. AND RECALL WHAT SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ANTONOVICH
4 SAID ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING, WASTING
5 RESOURCES. WE SHOULD DO THAT IN THE COUNTY, TOO. YOU CALLED
6 LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR CAREFULLY TRACKING THE
7 CAREERS OF RELEASED PEOPLE TO SEE WHICH PROGRAMS REALLY HELPED
8 AND WHICH DIDN'T. I SAY WE TRACK BACKWARDS EARLIER INTO
9 PEOPLE'S LIVES SO THAT WE CAN LEARN WHERE THE INTERVENTIONS
10 BELONG. YOU'VE HEARD ACTUALLY A LOT OF MATERIAL ON THAT TODAY.
11 AND SO ONCE WE'RE MORE EDUCATED, I BELIEVE WE CAN DO MUCH
12 BETTER PREVENTION. BUT IT NEEDS MORE SUPPORT FROM CITIZENS.
13 I'M WILLING TO GO TO SACRAMENTO WITH YOU FOR WISE SPENDING.
14 LET'S DO THAT AND LET'S HAVE A BETTER WELL-BEING FOR THE WHOLE
15 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALSO KNOW THROUGH YOUR PROFESSIONAL
18 LIFE TWO-PARENT FAMILY, HAVING A FATHER IN THE HOME OR AN
19 UNCLE, GRANDFATHER MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IMPACTING A CHILD'S
20 LIFE.

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22 **JOE MAIZLISH:** OVERWHELMINGLY SO. AND THE TAKING OF PARENTS
23 FROM FAMILIES BY THE SYSTEM WHEN THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT ACTIVELY
24 SERIOUS DANGERS TO THE COMMUNITY IS PART OF THE TRAGEDY THAT
25 YOU HEARD ABOUT. OF COURSE, I AGREE THAT THAT'S HELPFUL. IN

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1 ANY CASE, FAMILIES, SINGLE PARENT OR NOT, NEED ALL THE SUPPORT
2 YOU CAN MARSHAL FOR US. IT'S THE FUTURE BUT IT'S ALSO HAVING
3 LESS SUFFERING FOR THE CHILDREN TODAY. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. YES,
6 SIR.

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8 **STEVE ROGERS:** MY NAME'S STEVE ROGERS. I'M AN ORGANIZER FOR
9 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
10 PUBLICLY THANK THE BOARD FOR APPROVING THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
11 COMMITTEE. I'M ONE TEAM LEADERS FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
12 TEAM THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER WITH YOU GUYS
13 FOR YEARS TRYING TO GET THIS UNDERWAY. I KNOW MANY OF THE
14 BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME HAVE WANTED THIS
15 TO COME BUT THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS EFFECTIVE, WANTED
16 TO MAKE SURE THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO DO THIS WE WERE GOING TO
17 DO IT RIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE WORKING GROUP TO
18 MAKE SURE THAT IT HAS THE TEETH THAT IT NEEDS TO HAVE TO GO
19 FORWARD. WE DID LOOK AT THE BUDGET. WE NOTICE THAT HAD THERE'S
20 NO LINE FOR ANY MONEY ALLOCATED TOWARD THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
21 COMMITTEE. IT'S A CONCERN BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD ABOUT
22 10 TOWN HALL MEETINGS ALL THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
23 WE'VE SEEN OVER 600 COMMUNITY MEMBERS COME FORWARD AND SAY
24 THAT THEY WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS TABLE MEETING WITH THE
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY WANT TO HAVE A VOICE. THEY WANT

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1 SOME TRANSPARENCY. SO THE OPTION FOR APPOINTMENT THAT'S
2 FAVORED BY THE PEOPLE IS THE ONE WHERE SEVERAL COMMUNITY
3 ORGANIZATIONS ARE SELECTING PEOPLE TO BE ON THIS GROUP. MOST
4 OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD BE ON THIS
5 GROUP, IF THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE AN EAR TO THE PUBLIC ARE GOING
6 TO HAVE A HARD TIME WITH CHILDCARE, TRANSPORTATION, THINGS OF
7 THAT CONCERN, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S A CENTRALIZED PLACE IF THEY
8 COME FROM OUT OF THE NORTH END OF THE COUNTY. WE ENCOURAGE
9 SOME MONEY BE FOUND. IT'S VOLUNTARY POSITIONS BUT THERE ARE
10 GOING TO BE EXPENSES SO WE KNOW THERE'S MONEY. WE'RE NOT
11 ASKING FOR MILLIONS. MAYBE 100,000 DOLLARS WOULD COVER
12 STIPENDS FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COVER CHILDCARE. WE KNOW THE
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS NOT HEAR AND IF THEY WERE SOME OF
14 THEIR MEMBERS MIGHT BE HERE ASKING FOR MONEY. EVEN HAD THOUGH
15 THEY ARE GETTING A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY OF THIS BUDGET. WE'D
16 JUST LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THAT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SPEAKER:** HI MY NAME IS [INAUDILBE] FLORES. I'M FROM THE YOUTH
19 JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO SAY GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO
20 POINT OUT RIGHT HERE ENGRAVING YOU GUYS "GOVERNMENT OF THE
21 PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE". I WANT TO SAY IF YOU
22 HAVE THAT UP THERE, WHY DON'T YOU GUYS GO AHEAD AND BUILD
23 PRISONS? PRISONS ARE NOT FOR THE PEOPLE. PEOPLE DON'T WANT
24 PRISONS. WE ARE THE PEOPLE. WE DON'T THOSE THINGS. WE NEED
25 OTHER RESOURCES THAT WILL BENEFIT US AND THE YOUTH OF

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1 TOMORROW. OUR KIDS, OUR KIDS' KIDS. MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS
2 THEY ARE IN THE FIFTH GRADE FIRST GRADE AND LEARNING HOW TO
3 WORK. THEY DON'T NEED A PRISON, THEY NEED EDUCATION. USE THAT
4 MONEY INSTEAD OF BUILDING THE PRISON, HAVE PROGRAMS, GO AHEAD
5 AND TEACH THEM THE ROPES OF EDUCATION OF ANYTHING. TOWARDS
6 HAVING EXTRA CLASSES AS FAR AS HAVING ART, MUSIC, PHYSICAL
7 EDUCATION, THINGS THEY ACTUALLY NEED INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY GOING
8 AHEAD AND GETTING TRAINED AND BEING PREPARED TO GOING TO
9 PRISON. WHEN YOU KNOW THE THINGS THAT OTHER KIDS CAN ACTUALLY
10 LOOK FORWARD TO INSTEAD OF HAVING AN OFFICER IN SCHOOL, HAVE A
11 PEACE BUILDER SLASH INTERVENTION WORKER THAT ACTUALLY WOULD
12 UNDERSTAND THE YOUTH WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH, THE ISSUES
13 THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THE TRAUMA INSIDE THEIR OWN HOUSE,
14 INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THAT BROKEN SHATTERED WINDOW AND KEEP
15 ON SEEING THE CYCLE, GO ON AND HAVE A PEACE OFFICER WHERE THEY
16 COULD TOUCH WITH THAT YOUTH TO SAY I'VE BEEN THROUGH YOU, I'VE
17 BEEN INSIDE YOUR SHOES. I CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND YOU INSTEAD
18 OF A POLICE OFFICER GOING AHEAD AND ALL THEY WANT TO DO THE
19 SLAP THE CUFFS ON THE CHILDREN AND LOCK THEM AWAY. WE DON'T
20 NEED THAT. WE NEED SOMEONE THAT CAN UNDERSTAND YOUTH. HAVE
21 MORE YOUTH CENTERS. MORE YOUTH JOBS. MORE MENTAL HEALTH. HAVE
22 MORE THINGS COMING UP. I WISH I ACTUALLY HAD AN OFFICER THAT
23 CAME UP TO ME AND TOLD ME "HOW ARE YOU DOING? DO YOU FEEL SAFE
24 IN THE AREA?" INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY ASKING ME WHERE I'M FROM.
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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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3 **CHRISTINE WANG:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE WANG. I'M WITH L.A.

4 NO MORE JAILS AND CRITICAL RESISTANCE. DEAR BOARD OF

5 SUPERVISORS, THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTING. I

6 SAW \$103 MILLION LINE ITEM FOR MIRA LOMA WOMEN'S DETENTION

7 CENTER. THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET HAD A GROSS TOTAL OF

8 \$3,099,445,000, FOR A NET COUNTY COST OF \$1,414,421,000

9 DOLLARS. JAILS, SHERIFFS AND POLICING ARE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE

10 FOR THE COUNTY AND ACTUALLY CREATE THE PROBLEMS THAT IT

11 PROPOSES TO SOLVE. LOCKING PEOPLE UP AND TAKING AWAY THEIR

12 FREEDOM IS INHERENTLY VIOLENT. WITH THIS PROPOSED BUDGET, YOU

13 WILL BE BUYING HUMAN SUFFERING WITH MY TAXPAYER MONEY. AND I

14 REFUSE TO ALLOW IT. PLEASE GIVE SOME OF THIS MONEY TO THE

15 LIBRARIES, TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS WHO ARE OVERLOADED

16 WITH THEIR CASES, TO NURSES, TO THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS

17 SERVICES AUTHORITY, TO PARKS WORKERS, ANYONE BUT THE SHERIFFS.

18 THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT

21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECEIVE AND FILE AND TAKE UNDER

22 ADVISEMENT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND COMMENTS THAT

23 HAVE BEEN MADE DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCING MAY 13,

24 2015 AND MAKE A FINDING THAT A NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET

25 HEARINGS WAS GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29080 OF THE

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1 GOVERNMENT CODE, THAT SAID HEARINGS COMMENCED ON THE 13TH DAY
2 OF MAY, 2015 PURSUANT TO NOTICE AND 29081 OF THE GOVERNMENT
3 CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE
4 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS FOR PURPOSES OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING
5 THAT THERE ARE NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT,
7 PERMIT ADDITIONAL WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND REQUEST TO BE FILED
8 THROUGH THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY MAY 22ND, 2015 AND PLACE
9 ON THE MAY 26 BUDGET AGENDA A SET ITEM FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER TO DISCUSS BUDGETARY ISSUES FACING THE COUNTY, FURTHER
11 MOVING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECONFIRMS THAT BUDGET
12 DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015 AND 9:30
13 A.M. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
14 ORDERED.

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